

Hunting Gadhafi

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libyans hunting Moammar Gadhafi offered a \$2 million bounty on the fallen dictator's head and amnesty for anyone who kills or captures him as rebels battled Wednesday to clear the last pockets of resistance from the capital Tripoli. While some die-hard loyalists kept up the fight to defend Gadhafi,



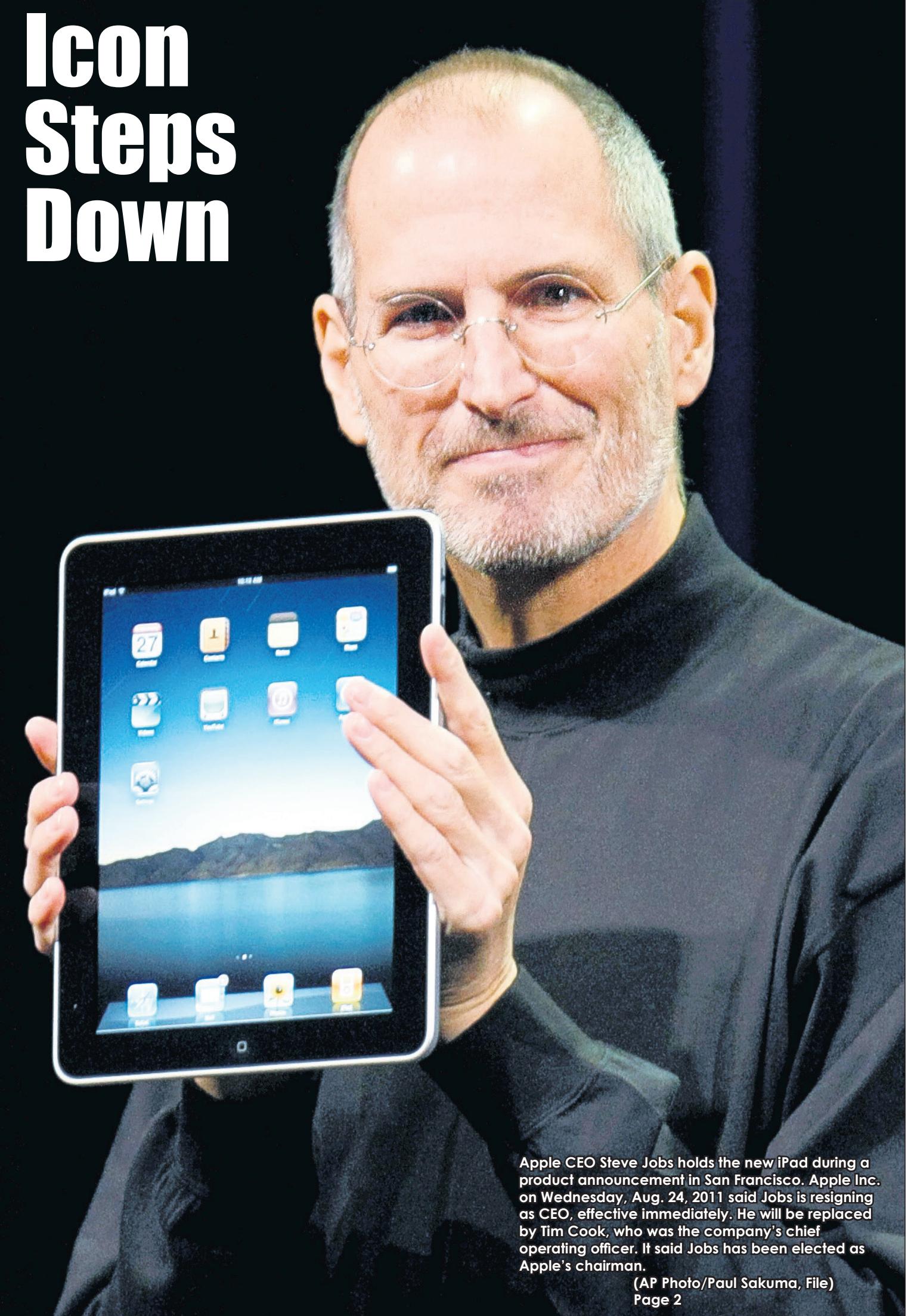
Rebel fighters celebrate as they stand on top of the monument inside the main Moammar Gadhafi compound in Bab Al-Aziziya in Tripoli, Libya, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. The rebels say they have now taken control of nearly all of Tripoli, but sporadic gunfire could still be heard Wednesday, and Gadhafi loyalists fired shells and assault rifles at fighters who had captured the Libyan leader's personal compound one day earlier.

(AP Photo/Sergey Ponomarev)

his support was crumbling by the hour. His deputy intelligence chief defected, and even his foreign minister said his 42-year rule was over. A defiant Gadhafi vowed from hiding to fight on "until victory or martyrdom," in an audio message early Wednesday.

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Icon Steps Down



Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds the new iPad during a product announcement in San Francisco. Apple Inc. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 said Jobs is resigning as CEO, effective immediately. He will be replaced by Tim Cook, who was the company's chief operating officer. It said Jobs has been elected as Apple's chairman.

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Apple says Steve Jobs resigning as CEO

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

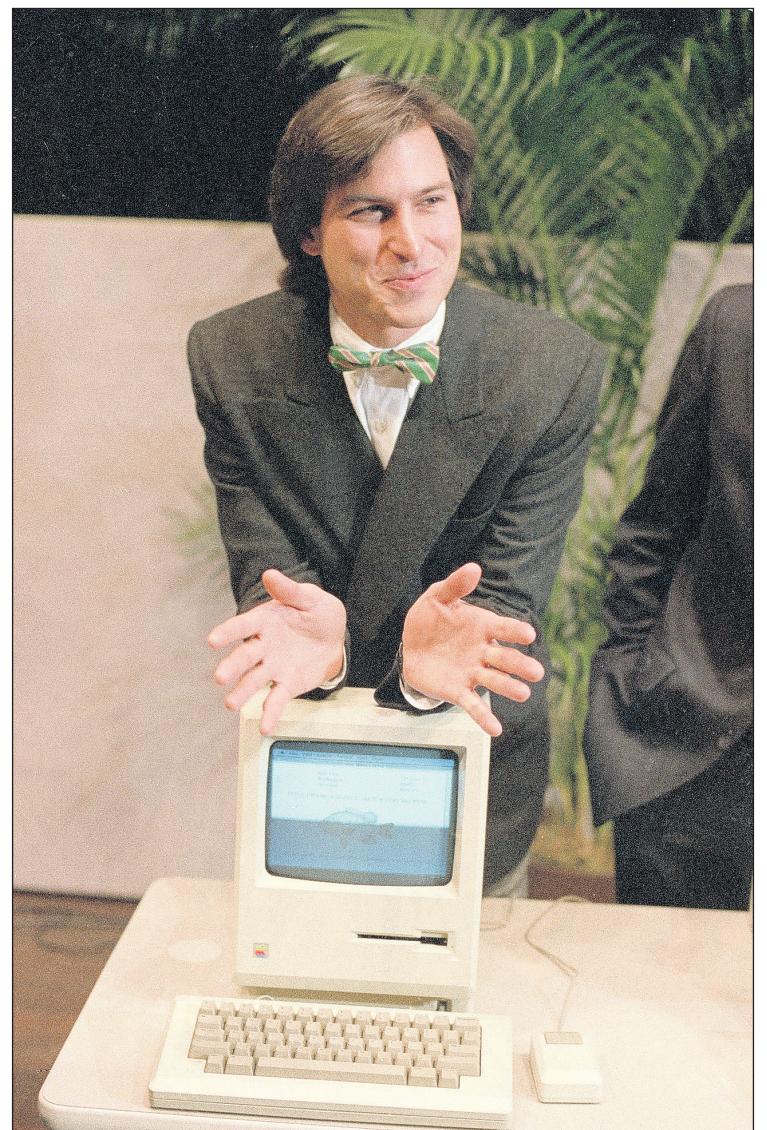
Steve Jobs, the mind behind the iPhone, iPad and other devices that turned Apple Inc. into one of the world's most powerful companies, resigned as CEO on Wednesday, saying he can no longer handle the job but will continue to play a role in leading the company.

The move appears to be the result of an unspecified medical condition for which he took an indefinite

day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know. Unfortunately, that day has come."

The company said Jobs gave the board his resignation Wednesday and suggested Cook be named the company's new leader. Apple said Jobs was elected board chairman and Cook is becoming a member of its board.

Jobs' health has long been a concern for Apple investors who see him as an industry oracle who seems to know what consumers want long before they do.



In this Jan. 24, 1984 file photo, Steve Jobs, chairman of the board of Apple Computer, leans on the new Macintosh personal computer following a shareholder's meeting in Cupertino, Ca. Apple Inc. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 said Jobs is resigning as CEO, effective immediately. He will be replaced by Tim Cook, who was the company's chief operating officer. It said Jobs has been elected as Apple's chairman.

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leave from his post in January. Apple's chief operating officer, Tim Cook, has been named CEO. In a letter addressed to Apple's board and the "Apple community," Jobs said he "always said if there ever came a

After his announcement, Apple stock quickly fell 5.4 percent in after-hours trading. Jeff Gamet, managing editor of The Mac Observer online news site focused on Apple, said Jobs' departure has more sentimental

than practical significance, and that he has been telegraphing the change for several years.

"All Apple really has done is made official what they've been doing administratively for a while now, which is Tim runs the show and Steve gets to do his part to make sure the products come out to meet the Apple standard," he said.

"I expect that even though there are a lot of people that right now are sad or scared because Steve is stepping back from the CEO role, that ultimately they'll be OK," Gamet said. But Trip Chowdhry, an analyst with Global Equities Research, said Jobs' maniacal attention to detail is what set Apple apart. He said Apple's product pipeline might be secure for another few years, but predicted that the company will eventually struggle to come up with market-changing ideas.

"Apple is Steve Jobs, Steve Jobs is Apple, and Steve Jobs is innovation," Chowdhry said. "You can teach people how to be operationally efficient, you can hire consultants to tell you how to do that, but God creates innovation.

... Apple without Steve Jobs is nothing." Earlier this month Apple became the most valuable company in America, briefly surpassing Exxon Mobil. At the market close Wednesday its market value was \$349 billion, just behind Exxon Mobil's \$358 billion. Jobs' hits seemed to grow bigger as the years went on: After the colorful iMac computer and the now-ubiquitous iPod, the iPhone redefined the category of smart phones and the iPad all but created the market for tablet computers. His own aura seemed part of the attraction.

On stage at trade shows and company events in his uniform of jeans, sneakers and black mock-turtle-necks, he'd entrance audiences with new devices, new colors, new software features, building up to a grand finale he'd predictably preface by saying, "One more thing." □

Rebels hunt Gadhafi, try to secure Tripoli

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He may have little choice. Asked by the British broadcaster Channel 4 if a negotiated settlement or safe passage for Gadhafi from Libya was still possible, Foreign Minister Abdul Ati al-Obeidi said: "It looks like

tion's new ambassador to France. Rebel officials are eager to prove they can bring a stable political future to Libya, and that their movement is more than an often-fractious collection of tribes, ethnicities and semi-autonomous militias. Mahmoud Jibril, the head of the



A rebel fighter standing on top of the statue representing "the iron fist which catches a US fighter plane" gestures and shoots in the air as fighters celebrate overrunning Moammar Gadhafi's compound Bab al-Aziziya in Tripoli, Libya, early Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. Hundreds of Libyan rebels stormed Gadhafi's compound Tuesday, charging wildly through the symbolic heart of the crumbling regime as they killed loyalist troops, looted armories and knocked the head off a statue of the besieged dictator. Arabic writing above: 'God is Great'

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

things have passed this kind of solution." Rebel leaders were beginning to set up a new government in the capital. Their interim administration, the National Transitional Council, has been based in the eastern city of Benghazi, which fell under rebel control shortly after the outbreak of widespread protests in February.

"Members of the council are now moving one by one from Benghazi to Tripoli," said Mansour Seyf al-Nasr, the Libyan opposition

government, outlined plans for a new constitution and elections and said officials were talking to the U.N. about sending up to 200 monitors to help ensure security in Tripoli. But the capital was far from pacified. A day after rebels captured Gadhafi's vast Bab al-Aziziya compound, the symbolic center of his regime, loyalists were firing into the compound from an adjacent neighborhood where intense clashes broke out. □



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Perry moves to right on immigration issues

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On a Sunday in June 2001, the first-year governor of Texas signed legislation allowing undocumented immigrants to attend Texas colleges and universities at in-state tuition rates instead of paying international fees. Supporters of the legislation called it the Texas Dream Act.

On a June morning 10 years later, that same governor convened a special session of the Texas Legislature and urged lawmakers to pass a bill that would outlaw so-called "sanctuary cities," places where police are not allowed to ask the immigration status of people they detain. Hispanic lawmakers, most of them Democrats, considered the bill a personal affront; they warned the governor that he risked a backlash among Hispanic voters. The sanctuary city measure, which already had failed during the regular session, failed again, due in larger measure to opposition from powerful Texas business interests.

Those two efforts - one supported by a fledgling governor, the other by a man on the verge of running for president - represent Gov.

Rick Perry's shifting position on immigration issues during his 10-plus years in office.

Spurned border fence



Republican presidential candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, with his wife Anita, gives a thumbs up to supporters at Tommy's Ham House Saturday, August 20, 2011, in Greenville, S.C. Perry recently convened a special session of the Texas Legislature and urged lawmakers to pass a bill that would outlaw so-called "sanctuary cities," places where police are not allowed to ask the immigration status of people they detain.

2nd victim dies after the naked NYC stabbing spree

NEW YORK (AP) — Police say a second victim has died after a stabbing rampage by a naked man armed with a 10-inch (25-centimeter) kitchen knife at his New York City apartment building. Police say 23-year-old Christian Falero knocked on several neighbors' doors Tuesday in his Washington Heights building and stabbed those who answered. Eighty-one-year-old Ignacio Reyes-Collazo was killed Tuesday. The death of 60-year-old Yigao Chen was an-

nounced Wednesday. Two other women, ages 75 and 85, were also stabbed, and a younger home health aide was punched. Residents said afterward that the suspect was seen running down the street yelling that it was the end of the world. Police say he underwent a psychiatric evaluation at Harlem Hospital and was charged with second-degree murder and robbery. No attorney information was immediately available for Falero. □

Like his predecessor George W. Bush, Perry has built a reputation over the years for taking a relatively moderate approach to immigration issues. He appointed Hispanics as secretary of state and to the Texas Supreme Court. He called the idea of a border fence "nonsense" and resisted efforts to emulate Arizona's strict approach to illegal immigration. Those positions helped him attract 38 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2010.

More recently, though, he has moved steadily rightward. As he travels about the country courting GOP primary voters, including

tea partyers, the question is whether he has moved far enough to satisfy their concerns. Perry still supports the 2001 law he signed, but he opposes the federal Dream Act.

"The governor signed this legislation back in 2001, believing that, if a young individual who was brought here through no fault of his or her own is willing to rely on a good education instead of government services, there's no reason they shouldn't be able to pay for a good college education so they can contribute to society," spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said. □

King aides bound by history to dedicate memorial

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ATLANTA (AP) — Five years ago, as they helped break ground on what would become the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington on a cold November day, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, Ambassador Andrew Young and the Rev. Jesse Jackson suddenly broke down in tears.

With Lewis leaning on his shovel, and Jackson and Young leaning on each other, they wept for how far they had come and for what they had lost.

They mused together over their last staff meeting before they went to Memphis in April 1968 — a journey that would end in King's assassination. The memory dredged up feelings no one else could fully share.

"We just looked at each other," Jackson said. "It was a different moment for us."

This weekend, the trio, along with the Rev. Joseph Lowery and many other lesser known soldiers who worked alongside King in the struggle for justice and equality for black Americans plan to come together again, to dedicate the monument built in his honor. In the more than four decades since the death of the civil rights icon, Jackson, Lewis, Lowery and Young have remained tied to King's legacy — and to each other. □

With CIA help, NYPD moves covertly in Muslim areas

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NEW YORK (AP) — Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the New York Police Department has become one of America's most aggressive domestic intelligence agencies, targeting ethnic communities in ways that would run afoul of civil liberties rules if practiced by the federal government, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The operations have benefited from unprecedented help from the CIA, a partnership that has blurred the line between foreign and domestic spying.

The department has dispatched undercover officers, known as "rakers," into minority neighborhoods as part of a human mapping program, according to officials directly involved in the program. They've monitored daily life in bookstores, bars, cafes and nightclubs. Police have also used informants, known as "mosque crawlers," to monitor sermons, even when there's no evidence of wrongdoing.

Neither the city council, which finances the department, nor the federal government, which has given NYPD more than \$1.6 billion since Sept. 11, 2001, is told



In this Sept. 11, 2001 file photo, the twin towers of the World Trade Center burn after hijacked planes crashed into them in New York. Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the New York Police Department has become one of America's most aggressive domestic intelligence agencies, targeting ethnic communities in ways that would run afoul of civil liberties rules if practiced by the federal government, an Associated Press investigation has found.

(AP Photo/Diane Bondareff, File)

exactly what's going on. Many of these operations were built with help from the CIA, which is prohibited from spying on Americans but was instrumental in transforming the NYPD's intelligence unit.

A veteran CIA officer, while still on the agency's payroll, was the architect of the NYPD's intelligence programs. The CIA trained a police detective at the Farm, the agency's spy school in Virginia, then returned him to New York, where he put his new espionage skills to work inside the United States.

And just last month, the CIA sent a senior officer to work as a clandestine operative inside police headquarters. The NYPD denied that it trolls ethnic neighborhoods and said it only follows leads. Police operations have disrupted terrorist plots and put several would-be killers in prison. "The New York Police Department is doing everything it can to make sure there's not another 9/11 here and that more innocent New Yorkers are not killed by terrorists," NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said. "And we have noth-

ing to apologize for in that regard."

AP's investigation is based on documents and interviews with more than 40 current and former New York Police Department and federal officials. Many were directly involved in planning and carrying out these secret operations for the department. Though most said the tactics were appropriate and made the city safer, many insisted on anonymity, because they were not authorized to speak with reporters about security matters.

In response to the story, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a leading Muslim civil rights organization, called on the Justice Department to investigate.

The Justice Department said Wednesday night it would review the request.

"This is potentially illegal what they're doing," said Gadeir Abbas, a staff attorney with the organization.

After the terrorist attacks, New York hired retired CIA official David Cohen to transform its intelligence division. Among Cohen's earliest moves at the NYPD was asking for help from his old CIA colleagues. He needed someone who had access to the latest intelligence so the NYPD wouldn't have to rely on the FBI to dole out information.

CIA Director George Tenet dispatched Larry Sanchez, a respected CIA veteran, to New York while Sanchez was still on the CIA payroll, three former intelligence officials said. Sanchez directed and mentored officers, schooling them in the art of gathering information, officials said.

There had never been an arrangement like it, and some senior CIA officials soon began questioning

whether Tenet was allowing Sanchez to operate on both sides of the wall that's supposed to keep the CIA out of the domestic intelligence business.

"It should not be a surprise to anyone that, after 9/11, the Central Intelligence Agency stepped up its cooperation with law enforcement on counterterrorism issues or that some of that increased cooperation was in New York, the site of ground zero," CIA spokeswoman Jennifer Youngblood said.

Cohen also persuaded a federal judge to loosen rules and allow police to open investigations before there's any indication a crime has been committed.

With that newfound authority, Cohen created a secret squad that would soon infiltrate Muslim neighborhoods, according to several current and former officials directly involved in the program.

The NYPD assigned undercover officers to monitor neighborhoods, looking for potential trouble. Using census data, police matched undercover officers to ethnic communities and instructed them to blend in, the officials said. They hung out in hookah bars and cafes, quietly observing the community around them.

The unit, which has been undisclosed until now, became known inside the department as the Demographic Unit, former police officials said.

"It's not a question of profiling. It's a question of going where the problem could arise," said Mordecai Dzianksky, a retired NYPD intelligence officer who said he was aware of the Demographic Unit. □



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New schools redefining distance learning

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Harvard and Ohio State are not going to disappear any time soon. But a host of new online enterprises are making earning a college degree cheaper, faster and flexible enough to take work experience into account. As Wikipedia upended the encyclopedia industry and iTunes changed the music business, these businesses have the potential to change higher education.

Ryan Yoder, 35, a computer programmer who had completed 72 credits at the University of South Florida years ago, signed up with an outfit called Straighterline, paid \$216 to take two courses in accounting and one in business communication, and a month later transferred the credits to Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey, which awarded him a bachelor's degree in June.

Alan Long, 34, a paramedic and fire captain, used another new institution, Learning Counts, to create a portfolio that included his certifications and a narrative spelling out what he had learned on the job. He paid \$750 to Learning Counts and came out with seven credits at Ottawa University in Kansas, where he would have had to spend \$2,800 to earn them in a traditional classroom. And Erin Larson, who has four children and works full time at a television station but wanted to become a teacher, paid \$3,000 per semester to Western

Governors University for as many classes as she could handle – plus a weekly call from a mentor. "Anywhere else, it would have cost three arms and legs," said Larson, 40, "and as a certified procrastinator, I found that weekly call very useful."

For those who have the time and money, the four-year residential campus still offers what is widely considered the best educational experience. Critics worry that the online courses are less rigorous and more vulnerable to cheating, and that their emphasis on providing credentials for specific jobs could undermine the traditional mission of encouraging critical thinking.

But most experts agree that given the exploding technologies, cuts to university budgets and the expanding universe of people expected to earn postsecondary degrees, there is no end in sight for newfangled programs preparing students for careers in high-demand areas like business, computer science, health care and criminal justice.

Chester E. Finn Jr., a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, predicted that all but the top tier of existing universities would "change dramatically" as students regained power in an expanding marketplace.

"Instead of a full entree of four years in college, it'll be more like grazing or going to tapas bars," Finn said,

"with people piecing together a postsecondary education from different sources."

While many students at



Graduate Mariah Long of Vilseck, Germany, waves to her family and friends during the 2011 Western Governors University Summer Commencement Ceremony at the Energy Solutions Arena in Salt Lake City, July 24, 2011. A host of new online enterprises are making earning a college degree cheaper, faster and flexible enough to take work experience into account.

(Mike Terry/The New York Times)

the nascent institutions offer glowing reviews and success stories, a recent study by Teachers College at Columbia University that tracked 51,000 community college students in Washington state for five years found that those with the most online course credits were the least likely to graduate or transfer to a four-year institution.

And traditional professors like Johann Neem, a historian at Western Washington University, see places like Western Governors University as anti-intellectual, noting that its advertising emphasizes how fast students can earn credits, not how much they will learn.

"Taking a course online, by yourself, is not the same as

being in a classroom with a professor who can respond to you, present different viewpoints and push you to work a problem," Neem

varied, as are the institutions. One unaccredited nonprofit startup, University of the People, gives English-speaking high school graduates a chance to study business or computers free, with volunteer teachers.

There are also budding joint ventures between brick-and-mortar campuses and online entities, like Ivy Bridge College – a collaboration between Tiffin University, a nonprofit school in Ohio, and Altius Education, a commercial business, offering two-year online degrees transferable to dozens of partner four-year colleges. And there are grass-roots nonprofits like Peer 2 Peer University, where people start study groups on topics as diverse as JavaScript and Baroque art.

Nationwide, almost three quarters of college students attend public institutions, and commercial career colleges like the University of Phoenix and Kaplan now make up almost as much of the remaining quarter as traditional nonprofit private universities like Stanford or Duke. Many of the emerging models are far cheaper than the publicly traded career colleges, some of which have come under scrutiny over the last year for leaving students with mountains of debt and credentials of little value.

Most are still new and very small, making it hard to locate students who have used them, other than those who were referred by the businesses themselves. □

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Texans who make every drop count

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AUSTIN, Texas — With 70 days of 100-plus temperatures so far and no rain in sight, Austin is in the grip of its worst one-year drought on record. And gardeners are quickly finding out which plants can survive brutal heat and drought.

Native trees like cedar elms and hackberries are dropping their leaves. Ash junipers in the Hill Country are dying. Shallow-rooted azaleas and crape myrtles are toast, and most lawns are brown, except for those watered by private wells.

Animals are suffering, too. Coyotes and rabbits are showing up in city gardens in search of water and food. Hummingbirds can't find nectar because many plants aren't flowering. The first week of August, when daily temperatures climbed to 107 or so, a bison escaped from a ranch in Manchaca, on the southwest side of the city, and wandered into the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center seven miles away, where it spent several days grazing in the savanna grasslands.

Gardeners are embracing those prairie grasses with equal enthusiasm because of their heat and drought tolerance. These natives can be found in many of the city's lawns, ornamental gardens and even green roofs. Remarkably, these deep-rooted plants can adjust to shallow soils, helping to cool houses and absorb rain — when there is some.

"If we get a rain, these grasses will all turn green," said Lars Stanley, 59, an architect and metal artist, standing on a

rooftop planted with natives that covers the studio he built in East Austin with his wife, Lauren Woodward Stanley, 45, an architect. "It reduces our cooling level immensely."

The grasses (blue grama, curly mesquite, little bluestem and sideoats grama) go dormant in a drought, a survival strategy that keeps their roots alive. But the prickly pear and Texas sedum the Stanleys planted, succulents that store water in their fleshy pads, looked remarkably fine.

A plain black-tar roof can heat up to 170 to 200 degrees, Lars Stanley noted.

The plants on this roof, rooted in 5 inches of a stony mix that includes crushed decomposed granite, perlite, lava rock, rice hulls and a dash of compost teeming with micro-organisms, "should knock that temperature down 100 degrees," he said.

"But they have to be green and evapo-transpiring to do that," Lauren Stanley added. "We're not going to water them in the midst of a drought."

With its reservoirs half-empty and tributaries down to a trickle, the city is rationing water. And the Austin Water Utility is offering rebates of up to \$5,000 for installing residential rainwater collection systems.

When it does rain here, it tends to pour, sheeting across hard surfaces and dry lawns to storm sewers. So the more rain that is channeled into tanks or slowed by porous driveways and terraced gardens, the better for the land, as well as the water table, because plants will filter pollutants before sending water on

to underground springs and tributaries to the Colorado River.

On the roof over the Stanleys' studio, rainwater is channeled down a wide gutter that feeds into one of four 1,500-gallon tanks on the 2-acre property. "We use the condensate from our air-conditioning also,"

down, because we're about 8 feet higher than the street."

In place of her old driveway and flagstone paving, crushed decomposed granite planted with small blue-green agaves now surrounds the oaks, allowing air and water to reach tree roots. Ten Eyck also replaced the lawn with natives,

15 million acres.

Mark Simmons, a restoration ecologist who orchestrated the seed mix and plantings here, calls it "one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America," because "there are a few thousand acres, or one-tenth of 1 percent left."

Simmons, 50, is the director of the Ecosystem Design Group at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas and is working with RVi, a design and landscape architecture firm here, to bring part of this prairie back to life.

The native grasses, he said, can sequester more carbon than trees: "As the roots die, that organic carbon gets locked up in the soil and can stay tens of thousand of years — a lot longer than the lifetime of a tree trunk, which falls down and rots, releasing carbon into the air."

Once buried under the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, the land is now one of the public parks in a huge 700-acre mixed-use project being built downtown by the Catellus Development Corp.

Other projects Simmons is working on include advising people like the Stanleys on how to use native plants on a green roof, and developing a native turf grass that doesn't have to be watered or mowed, thus saving energy and reducing the production of greenhouse gases.

"You can have a nice green lawn if you water every two weeks," he said. "But if you don't water, it goes dormant and turns brown. It's not the end of the world." □



Mark Simmons, an ecologist on the Mueller Prairie project, in Austin, Texas. With 70 days of 100-plus temperatures so far and no rain in sight, Austin is in the grip of its worst one-year drought on record, and gardeners are quickly finding out which plants can survive brutal heat and drought.

(Stacy Sodolak/The New York Times)

Lars Stanley said. "It fills up a five-gallon bucket every two days, which adds to the tank." Other designers, like Christine Ten Eyck, a landscape architect, are replacing asphalt driveways and other hard surfaces with permeable ones, like gravel or crushed granite, and replacing lawn with terraced beds filled with plants that not only can take heat and drought but also absorb and hold water.

"I've done it passively, instead of actively with a cistern," said Ten Eyck, 52, standing by the live oaks in front of the 1950s bungalow in West Austin that she shares with her husband, Gary Deaver, 65. "The whole idea was to slow the rainwater

including groves of Texas persimmon trees and drifts of Mexican feather grass billowing over Berkeley sedge, mounds of tall joe-pye weed and clumps of Mexican orchid tree, all stepped down the slope.

Giant blue agaves (*Agave franzosinii*) as big as economy cars greet visitors walking through the front gate. These Mexican natives love the heat, and they don't need any water.

On the east side of the city, the same native plants that fill the Stanleys' green roof are sending down much deeper roots in the Mueller Prairie, a restored 30-acre fragment of the Texas Blackland Prairie, which once sprawled across



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Portrait: a U.S. modernist's tag sale

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Whitley Heights does not seem like the kind of place where an avowed fan of modernism would live. This Hollywood neighborhood, on the National Register of Historic Places, is filled with Mediterranean-style homes, some very grand. Yet it is where Jonn Coolidge, a photographer specializing in interiors, decided to move after a decade of living in houses by Edward H. Fickett, the late Los Angeles architect known for his modernist work.

Coolidge moved there last year after the end of a long-term relationship and the sale of his second Fickett house, a 2,800-square-foot three-bedroom – with pool, outdoor fireplace and bocce court – that he owned with his partner in Encino, Calif.

(They renovated it after selling their first Fickett house.) Instead of buying another modern house in the suburbs, Coolidge, 46, decided to downsize and embrace city life, and a new style. "Being single, I didn't want to live in the valley with all the old people," he said, so "I found a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment on the top floor of a landmarked building."

The only problem was editing down his belongings. Coolidge had an extensive collection of 20th-century design and art, which he credits largely to the influence of the architect Lee Mindel, with whom he became friendly after photographing several of his projects.

"If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have the sensibility I have now," Coolidge said. "He took me through

his design process with humor and clarity, and he shared his wealth of knowledge with me."

He added, "I found his passion for important 20th-century design addictive."

So addictive that Coolidge sought out dealers around the world in search of pieces that had "an importance in design history," he said, or were significant in the career of a certain designer.

The collection he amassed was valuable, but he didn't treat it with kid gloves.

"I have two dogs," he said. "They can run all over everything and vomit on it, and it can be cleaned. It's not a big deal."

Still, deciding what to let go of wasn't easy.

He sold a number of pieces at auction, but kept those that were most important to him and would work together in his new, smaller space.

His Mario Bellini sectional sofa, for example, was a large statement piece that worked in an appropriately sized space.

But Coolidge knew it would overpower his current living room.

There was also "a beautiful Mathieu Mategot series of shelves that went over the Bellini sofa," he said.

"When one went, the other had to go, too.

They lived in tandem and they went in tandem."

Â A Donald Judd sculpture that was meant to be installed on the floor also had to go.

"I loved it, but I didn't have the right place for it," he said.

Two Ellsworth Kelly pieces were sold at auction as well, because "I didn't see the point of putting things in storage," Coolidge said.



Jon Coolidge in his living room in his home in Los Angeles, July 18, 2011. After 10 years of living in modernist houses, Coolidge decided to downsize, moving into an apartment in a Hollywood neighborhood known for its Mediterranean-style homes.

(Laure Joliet/The New York Times)

"And, to be honest, it was exciting seeing my things sell, since I had been only on the buying end before. I liked that other people would also appreciate the things I did."

What was left took just two weeks to unpack.

"Most of the spaces in the apartment are relatively the same size as that house" – although there are fewer of them, he said. "I repositioned and reconfigured the pieces the same way they were originally conceived, and luckily it worked."

There were other similarities in the interiors, including rough-hewn wood, a neutral color scheme and an abundance of natural light.

Coolidge does occasionally miss living in a house, he said, and having access to a pool.

But renting has its advantages. "If something breaks or goes wrong, I can call the landlord," he said, and "I don't have to repair sprinklers or rake pine needles." □

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Hurricane Irene menaces smaller islands of Bahamas

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Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) —

A large and powerful Hurricane Irene was roaring its way Wednesday across the entire Bahamas archipelago, knocking down trees and tearing up roofs and posing the most severe threat to the smallest and least populated islands, officials said.

Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said there have been no major injuries or deaths according to preliminary reports he has been receiving from throughout the widely scattered islands. But he added that they would not know the full extent of damage from the Category 3 storm until it is clear of the country on Friday.

Ingraham said the latest storm data seemed to indicate that lightly populated Cat Island was in particular danger because the storm was expected to pass over the entire length of the island. Forecasters said New Providence, the largest and most populated island, would see tropical-storm-

force winds for more than 12 hours.

This was only the third time since 1866 that a hurricane has gone across the entire length of the island chain, Ingraham said, and the

"we do a fair job of managing hurricanes so personal injuries, we hope, will not be substantial," he said in an interview with The Associated Press at an emergency operations center in Nassau.



Roxani Palacios of Nassau takes a photograph of approaching storm clouds as the wind blows from the effects of Hurricane Irene in Nassau, on New Providence Island in the Bahamas, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. Hubert Ingraham, the prime minister of the Bahamas said Hurricane Irene has caused isolated damage on its march up the island chain but so far no deaths or injuries.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

country was bracing for extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure. But the prime minister predicted few casualties overall. "As a general statement

"Property damage, vegetation, public infrastructure, yes, but as a general statement we would hope that personal injuries would be minimized."

The latest forecast was good news for Nassau, which is on New Providence, and is home to more than 200,000 and is a major tourist destination. Capt. Stephen Russell, director of the National Emergency Management Agency, told AP that the capital should only see "the fringes of tropical storm winds," according to tracking data.

"That should go very well for us unless the system alters its course during the next 24 hours," Russell said. Authorities set up emergency shelters throughout the country but most locals were expected to stay in their own homes or with friends and family while visitors stayed in the handful of hotels that remained open for what was expected to be a rough next few days.

As darkness fell in the capital, and the first strong winds and rain began to lash the city, the streets were largely deserted. Earlier, the capital buzzed with last-minute preparations as people gathered what last-minute supplies were still

available and shop owners boarded up their windows. Nassau, which surrounded by sparkling greenish-blue ocean, is known to flood even in heavy rain so the storm surge was expected to make many roads impassable, especially in the colonial downtown.

Many visitors weren't waiting around to find out what would happen and fled the country, waiting in long lines to catch planes before the airport closed. Some tourists had no choice but to leave since smaller hotels abruptly closed and larger ones were booked up with Bahamian residents looking for a place to ride out the storm. Others flying out simply didn't want to take their chances with what could be a major storm.

"I've been through one hurricane and I don't want to see another," said Susan Hooper of Paris, Illinois, who was cutting short a trip with her husband, Marvin, to celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary. "My main concern is what if something happened to the airport. How would I get home?"

Maureen Fallon, a 39-year-old consultant from Annapolis, Maryland, was forced to abandon a trip with six friends through the Bahamas archipelago on a 47-foot (14-meter) catamaran. They tried rerouting the boat as the storm developed but gave up less than halfway through after the U.S. State Department issued a warning to travelers. "I'm pretty bummed," she said. "But there was just no way. It was way too dangerous."

Meghan Stark, traveling with her mother and 5-year-old son, arrived at the airport exhausted and frustrated after their hotel closed and told all guests to leave, less than 24 hours after first telling them the storm was not likely to pose a major threat to Nassau.

Stark, a college student from Baldwin, New York, arrived in the Bahamas on Monday for a weeklong stay that had already been delayed after a storm in New York postponed their flight for two days. □

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Russia hints at veto of UN sanctions on Syria

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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council should use dialogue to persuade Syria to end its violent crackdown on protesters, Russia's envoy said Wednesday, hinting he may veto a draft resolution being circulated to impose an arms embargo and other measures on President Bashar Assad's regime. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told reporters outside council chambers that instead of punishing Syria, the council should use dialogue and diplomacy to help end the violence.

Churkin said he had registered his country's opposition on Wednesday to the sanctions proposed by Britain and supported by France, Germany, Portugal and the United States.

The proposal is expected to come up for a vote as early as this week and Russia is among five permanent council members empowered to veto it. Churkin said such sanctions could "encourage further confrontation" and "we need to instead encourage dialogue."

Asked whether he would

register a veto, Churkin said: "I think you can make your conclusion from my words."

The resolution could also face possible opposition from other council members, including veto-wielding China. South African Ambassador Baso Sangqu said his country was still studying the proposal, emphasizing that it had chosen "the path of peaceful resolution" in dealing with the situation in Syria. Indian Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri said his country had "questions and concerns" about the text. With Assad's forces continuing to crack down on the protests, the U.N. said this week the overall death toll has reached 2,200.

U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay has asked the Security Council to refer Syria to the International Criminal Court, the permanent war crimes tribunal, based in The Hague, Netherlands.

The draft resolution calls for freezing the assets of 23 key Syrian figures including Assad, his younger brother, Maher, who is believed to be in command

of much of the current bloody crackdown, and his millionaire cousin, Rami Makhlouf, who controls the mobile phone network



Syrians shop in Hamidiyah market in the old city of Damascus, Syria, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, a week ahead of Eid al-Fitr that marks the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The U.N. Security Council should use dialogue to persuade Syria to end its violent crackdown on protesters, Russia's envoy said Wednesday, hinting he may veto a draft resolution being circulated to impose an arms embargo and other measures on President Bashar Assad's regime.

(AP Photo/Bassem Tellawi)

companies controlled by Makhlouf — Bena Properties and Al Mashreq Investment — and the Military Housing Establishment and Syrian General Intelligence Directorate. The resolution would also impose a travel ban on 21 individuals including Makhlouf, but not Assad or his younger brother. The draft resolution "strongly condemns the continued grave and systematic human rights violations by the Syrian authorities, such as arbitrary executions, excessive use of force and the killing and persecution of protesters and human rights defenders, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances, torture and ill-treatment of detainees, also of children." □

Lawmaker seeks new information on hacking

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A leading lawmaker examining Britain's phone hacking scandal has called on Rupert Murdoch's news empire to confirm whether it is paying the legal fees of the ex-editor of the News of The World. Andy Coulson quit in 2007 as the editor of the now shuttered tabloid after a reporter and a private investigator were jailed for hacking into the voicemails of royal staff. Soon after, then-opposition leader David Cameron hired him as his communications chief and kept him on when Cameron became prime minister in May 2010.

Coulson quit Downing Street when police reopened the investigation into phone

hacking this January.

He is among 15 people arrested in the scandal — only one of whom has been cleared so far.

Coulson denies any wrongdoing, but allegations against him and about his ties to News Corp. have continued to mount.

News Corp.'s British arm, News International, declined to comment Wednesday on a Financial Times report which claimed the company was still meeting Coulson's legal expenses.

"What it is about this news and information conglomerate that prevents them from giving a yes or no reply to a straight question," opposition Labour Party lawmaker Tom Watson said Wednesday. □



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An ethnic rebellion in Pakistan, led from Switzerland

CARLOTTA GALL

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GENEVA — A slim figure in a dark suit, Brahundagh Bugti, 30, could pass for a banker in the streets of this sedate Swiss city. But in truth he is a resistance leader in exile, a player in an increasingly ugly independence war within Pakistan.

He has been on the run since 2006, when he narrowly escaped a Pakistani army operation that killed his grandfather and dozens of his tribesmen in the southwestern province of Baluchistan. And since then, the government's attempt to stamp out an uprising by the Baluch ethnic minority has only intensified, according to human rights organizations and Pakistani politicians.

The Baluch insurgency, which has gone on intermittently for decades, is often called Pakistan's Dirty War, because of the rising numbers of people who have disappeared or have been killed on both sides. But it has received little attention internationally, in part because most eyes are turned toward the fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida in Pakistan's northwestern tribal areas.

Bugti insists that he is a political leader only, and that he is not taking a role in the armed uprising against the government. He was caught up in a



Brahundagh Bugti, the embattled political leader of the Baluch minority of Pakistan, in Geneva, Aug. 7, 2011. The Baluch, whose increasingly violent struggle with the Pakistan government has gone mostly unnoticed by the larger world, have never accepted being part of Pakistan.

(Nicolas Righetti/The New York Times)

deadly struggle between his grandfather, Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, a former minister and a leader of the Bugti tribe, and Pakistan's military leader at the time, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, over control of Baluchistan's rich natural resources and the establishment of military bases in the province.

Baluch nationalists have never accepted being part of Pakistan and have fought in five uprisings since the country's formation in 1948. Their demands range from greater control over Baluchistan's gas and natural resources, fairer distribution of wealth (Baluchistan suffers from the lowest

health, education and living standards in the country), to outright independence.

When the Pakistani army shelled their ancestral home in Dera Bugti in December 2005, Bugti took to the hills with his grandfather, who was 80 and partly disabled, and they camped for months in mountain caves. Then, in August 2006, the military caught up with them.

"I escaped, but he could not," Bugti said.

From a hideout two miles away, he watched the military assault, a three-day bombardment by attack jets, helicopter gunships and airborne troops.

On the evening of the third day, the government triumphantly announced that Nawab Bugti had been killed. Thirty-two tribesmen died with him, Bugti said. The day after learning of his grandfather's death, Bugti gathered his closest tribal leaders, and they urged him to leave and save himself, he said.

Pakistan and neighboring Iran were hostile to the Baluch, and the only place to go was Afghanistan, although it was consumed by the war with the Taliban. It took 19 days, on foot, to trek from a mountain base near Sibi to the Afghan border. But he had an armed tribal force and scouts with him and made the escape without incident, crossing into Afghanistan along a mountain trail, he said.

Although he had few contacts there, tribal links and traditions of hospitality assured him a welcome. He sent for his wife, his two children — a third was born in Afghanistan — and his mother, and after an elaborate dance to confuse government watchers, they crossed the border to join him days later.

Yet Afghanistan was not a safe haven. The family moved about 18 times over the next 18 months, and despite never going outside, he said, they became the target of repeated suicide bomb attacks by the Taliban and al-Qaida

militants, who they believe were sent by the Pakistani military. At least one bomb attack, in the upscale residential Kabul neighborhood of Wazir Akbar Khan, was specifically aimed at Bugti, a Western diplomat and an Afghan intelligence official said.

The Pakistani government has branded Bugti a terrorist, the leader of the militant Baluch Republican Army, and has made no secret of its desire to kill or capture him. It has repeatedly demanded that Afghanistan hand him over and has accused India of supporting Baluch rebels through its consulates in Afghanistan. Pakistan's remonstrations over Bugti became so insistent that the United States and other NATO members urged Afghanistan to move Bugti elsewhere, Western diplomats and Afghan officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the politics involved. In October, he and his family arrived in Switzerland and sought political asylum.

Although Bugti says he supports only peaceful political activism rather than armed resistance, he does share the rebels' demand for independence for the Baluch.

"I support the political struggle and the idea for liberation because the Baluch people demand it," he said. □

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Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, right, meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, at a military garrison outside Ulan-Ude in Byryatia, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. Medvedev arrived Wednesday in remote eastern Siberia for a summit with the North Korean leader expected to focus on energy deals, economic aid and nuclear disarmament.

(AP Photo)

NKorea reported said ready to halt WMD tests

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il says his country is ready to impose a nuclear test and production moratorium if international talks on its atomic program resume, in Pyongyang's latest effort to restart long-stalled aid-for-disarmament talks.

It remains to be seen, however, whether Kim's reported gesture at a summit Wednesday with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev will satisfy the most skeptical of the five other nations at talks meant to end the North's nuclear weapons ambitions — the United States, South Korea and Japan.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Wednesday that Kim Jong Il's reported offer to refrain from nuclear and missile tests was "a welcome first step" but not enough to restart six-party disarmament talks. Kim, at the summit in eastern Siberia, reportedly made no mention of an issue that lies at the heart of negotiators' worries: North Korea's recently revealed uranium enrichment program.

Medvedev spokeswoman Natalya Timakova was quoted by the ITAR-Tass news agency as saying that Kim expressed readiness to return to the nuclear talks without preconditions, and, "in the course of the talks, North Korea will be ready to resolve the question of imposing a moratorium on tests and production of nuclear missile weapons."

Nuland said that North Korea's disclosure of a uranium enrichment facility last November "remains a matter of serious concern" that violates U.N. resolutions and commitments Pyongyang had made on denuclearization in 2005. "We will not go back to six-party talks until North Koreans are prepared to meet all of the commitments that we've all laid out," Nuland told a news conference in Washington.

The North's state media confirmed Thursday that Kim and Medvedev agreed that the nuclear disarmament talks should be resumed without any precondition to achieve a denuclearization on the Korean peninsula. A dispatch by the Korean Central News Agency, however, didn't mention Kim's reported offer to freeze nuclear tests.

"We are convinced that the summit meeting today will undoubtedly mark an important landmark in boosting (North Korea)-Russia relations and turning Northeast Asia into the region for peace and cooperation," Kim said during a banquet hosted by Medvedev after the summit, according to KCNA. □

Chavez: Libya's tragedy begins with Gadhafi's fall

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday that Libya's crisis is just beginning with the fall of Moammar Gadhafi's government.

Chavez has been a staunch defender of Gadhafi throughout the conflict, and he condemned NATO airstrikes and killings of civilians.

"The drama of Libya isn't ending with the fall of Gadhafi's government. It's beginning," Chavez said. "The tragedy in Libya is just beginning."

Libyans hunting Moammar Gadhafi offered a \$2 million bounty on Gadhafi's head and amnesty for anyone who kills or captures him as rebels battled Wednesday to clear the last pockets of resistance from the capital, Tripoli.

Asked about such efforts to hunt for Gadhafi, Chavez said they reflect a "madness let loose."

"What the Yankee empire and the European powers ... want is Libya's oil," Chavez said.

Chavez said his country's embassy in Libya was looted, but the Venezuelan ambassador to Tripoli later corrected that account saying his official residence was looted by "armed groups" who stole belongings and vehicles.

"They didn't leave anything in the house and fired some shots into the air," Venezuelan Ambassador Afif Tajeldine told the Caracas-based TV channel Telesur. He called it a violation of international law by armed groups supported by NATO, and therefore by NATO itself.

Chavez said Tuesday that Venezuela would continue to recognize Gadhafi as Libya's leader and would refuse to recognize a rebelled interim government.

On Wednesday, he denounced the U.S. role in the conflict, saying it represents "the madness of an empire."

"They've destroyed a country and they continue destroying it," Chavez said. "How many Libyan children

have died?"

He made the remarks in response to questions from reporters after a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Ser-

gey Lavrov.

"Now they're aiming against Syria," said Chavez, referring to another ally of Venezuela. □



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez makes the victory sign after a meeting with Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011. Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba in June that removed a cancerous tumor from his pelvic region, and shaved his head after starting to lose his hair due to chemotherapy. Chavez said Wednesday that Libya's crisis is just beginning with the fall of Moammar Gadhafi's government.

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Around the corner, inadvertent galleries

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New York City is full of officially sanctioned artworks. Bless them all, and lucky us. At any given moment there are great quantities of them to be seen and enjoyed, clearly labeled, in museums, alternative spaces and art galleries, not to mention parks and plazas. But the city also has an abundance of inadvertent not-quite-art available for viewing, if you are open to it. These anonymous, unsung works are even more public. Especially in summer, when we tend to do more walking at a more leisurely pace, they lie in wait around just about every corner and down every street. Yet they are more private, too, since it is entirely up to us to recognize and appreciate them.

As an art critic, I am always buoyed by these art-ish nonart experiences. Among the many joys of urban pedestrianism, they sharpen my understanding of art's sensory effects while broadening my appreciation of the aesthetic byproducts of more workaday activities.

These experiences may be more common now than they used to be, thanks to the influence of Minimalism and especially Post-Minimalism, with its roil of installation-, Process-, Conceptual- and Land-Art practices. These movements permanently enlarged art's footprint and blurred its borders, greatly increasing the number of accidental artworks available for appreciation by expanding our ability to appreciate them.

In other words, as art has become more like life, life has become more peppered with things and experiences that offer some of the sensory and even intellectual pleasures of art. An example of this expansion is the frequency with which the phrase "performance art" is used by journalists — many of whom may never have seen a single work of performance art — to characterize some

form of real-life behavior. One of my favorite of the city's almost artworks is an enveloping environment in the form of a narrow sliver of a parking lot under the High Line, between 20th and 21st streets, just west of 10th Avenue in Chelsea. I discovered it as a shortcut between two busy blocks of galleries, but walking through it always gives me a lift that goes beyond convenience.

The tunnel-like space has its own atmosphere and a touch of calm, being always shady, dry and protected from the extremes of weather and traffic. Open at both ends, but otherwise boxed in, it is a closet for cars, lined on one side with a double layer of vehicles on steel racks, and on the other by a single layer, something like enormous shoes on shelves. What really makes it special, though, is the thick, relatively pristine layer of blacktop underfoot. This asphalt carpet reminds me of a story told by the architect and proto-Minimalist sculptor Tony Smith about driving at night, illegally, on an unfinished jet-black portion of the New Jersey Turnpike. (It appeared in an interview in *Artforum* in 1966.) The effect of this experience

"was to liberate me from many of the views I had had about art," Smith said. "It seemed that there had been a reality there which had not had any expression in art."

One way to think of that short stretch of asphalt beneath the High Line is as an apt, fittingly inadvertent tribute to Smith's experience.

A few blocks inland is a big, windowless stucco wall that I cherish for its brushstrokelike texture. Part of a small building that was probably once a house and is now occupied by a fish wholesaler, it overlooks a small playground on the northwest corner of 19th Street and Ninth Avenue. The sand-colored stucco was troweled on in rough dollops that cre-



A series of photos showing a tunnel-like parking lot from West 21st to West 22nd Streets, under the High Line, like a closet for cars with an asphalt carpet that seems to pay an unintentional tribute to the sculptor Tony Smith, in New York, July 29, 2011. New York has an abundance of inadvertent not-quite-art available for viewing, and these anonymous, unsung works are even more public than officially sanctioned artworks.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)



A series of photos showing people on a concourse under Rockefeller Center lined by glass vitrines meant for advertising, but with colored material instead, in New York, July 29, 2011.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

ate a wonderful scudding rhythm across the surface. Its wavelike patterns have a free-hand expressiveness at odds with the nearby buildings. The wall is slightly irregular, and the trowel marks contract and expand over different areas, creating contrasting passages.

All told, they suggest an immense blow-up of a small portion of what could be an oil painting by any number of artists: Monet and van Gogh come to mind, but so does Stuart Davis (in his early days, around 1919, when he was enamored of van Gogh), and the Minimalist painter Robert Ryman, who has a methodical, one-brushstroke-after-another, nothing-but-the-facts approach to paint application. There's a Rymanesque fringe of white paint along

the bottom, as if someone had started to improve it, but then decided to leave well enough alone. Or maybe a more pressing task presented itself.

Whichever it was, thank you.

There's a more in-the-round painterly experience to be had in one of the concourses under Rockefeller Center. This one, completed in 2001, is accessible from the uptown platform of the 49th Street/Seventh Avenue station of the N, R and Q trains and serves as a foul-weather route to Radio City Music Hall.

A good portion of the concourse is punctuated with glass-fronted, lighted vitrines set into the walls, meant for advertising. There are lots of them — small, large, square and

rectangular, single or in rows of up to five.

There are no ads there yet; if there ever are, it will become a gauntlet of solicitation. In the meantime, though, the glass windows have been lined with colored paper or other material in varying shades of blue, green and yellow, jazzed up by a few that are a sharp burnt orange.

The result is a glowing environmental abstraction and an oasis of Zen-like calm.

The effect brings to mind (at least to mine) the monochrome panel paintings and color sequences of artists like Brice Marden, Ellsworth Kelly and especially Blinky Palermo, who often favored pedestrian materials like store-bought fabric in the making of his paintings. □

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ORANJESTAD - We would like to introduce Azzy to you, one of the donkeys that is cared for at the Aruba Donkey Foundation. Two years ago she was found sauntering in the middle of the road, together with three other donkeys, in Santa Lucia. That was too dangerous with so much traffic there. The volunteers of the sanctuary lured the four donkeys inside with treats, where they have stayed. Azzy has a malformed behind and one of the volunteers has renamed her Jennifer Lopez, Jay Lo. She listens to that nickname even better than to her real name Azzy. She is a quiet donkey who has made friends with donkey Cloudy; they are always together. Donkeys are that way, very faithful. They often have a friend (boyfriend or girlfriend) for life. They are truly grieving when they lose their good friend, for whatever reason.

This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

The volunteers of the sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey. □

The office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba reports The last known photograph of missing US tourist released



ORANJESTAD - The Office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba again calls on the public to give information to the police about the man G.V.G. who was arrested August 5, 2011 as a suspect in the investigation into the possible drowning of the American woman R.G. on August 2, 2011.

On August 11, 2011 the Office of the Public Prosecutor also released photos of the suspect and woman R.G. However, this yielded little result and for that reason it was decided to publish the last known photos of the woman and the suspect. These photos



were taken when they left the "Rum Reef Restaurant" at Nanki the afternoon of the alleged drowning of the woman.

Further it was also decided to release a photo of the white Toyota Rav 4, an SUV with the license V-878, in use with the suspect and the woman during their stay in Aruba.

Anyone who has seen G.V.G. and can give information on him, his contacts and the places he and the woman visited on the island is urgently requested to contact the Police of Aruba or to call the tip-line 11141.

A separate phone line for tips has been opened in the United States. The number is: 297 582 0695, preceded by the international access code. At this line a message can be recorded. The man G.V.G. and the woman R.G. arrived in Aruba together on July 31, 2011. According to the statement of the suspect the woman remained in sea near Nanki, after he had come out of the water after snorkeling together. □

Aruba Tourism Authority, EZ-Go & Tierra del Sol Golf Course present

Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament 2011

West Punt – The Aruba Tourism Authority hosted an informal press conference at Tierra del Sol club house to announce the bigger-than-ever, expanded and improved 17th annual Aruba Pro-Am Golf Tournament unfolding this coming weekend at the championship golf course. A total of 32 teams will participate hailing from different countries such as Colombia, Curacao, Brazil, Bermuda, Bolivia, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, USA and Aruba. Teams consist of one golf professional and four golf players. The USA team this year consists of members of the media,



Pictured here snapshots from the press conference, as well as an overview of the beautiful trophies.



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assigned to cover the event for golf magazines. The international representatives of the Aruba Tourism Authority have been preparing for this world class golf event by running "Copa Aruba," a local golf tournament in their countries of residence in Latin America, the Netherlands and the United States of America. Five winning teams of those local tournaments were selected to play here at the

Aruba International Pro-Am Golf Tournament, August 26th to 29th at Tierra del Sol golf course, they will also be staying on the golf course as guests of the tournament. The Aruba International Pro-Am tournament born as the Johnny Walker Tournament changed its name 11 years ago when the Aruba Tourism Authority took it over as an international event promoting Aruba as a golf destination. The tournament is now

co-sponsored by Balashi Beer, AWA & Chill Balashi, Diamonds International, DUFRY, Fofoti Tour & Transfer, Tiara Air, Coca Cola, TropicCars, Compra NV and Aruba Aloe. Registration will take place on Friday at the club-house, with a shot gun start scheduled for midday Saturday. Among top golf pros expected to play, from Tierra del Sol, Adam Williamson and James Kiley.□



Papillon Restaurant is ready to receive Holland's first crop of delicious mussels

PALM BEACH - The 'Zeeuwse' mussels, a seasonal delicacy that many people are anticipating every year, are coming to Papillon Restaurant. This Saturday, the first traditional black, shiny pots will be served, brimming with mussels in their shell. Papillon is the first restaurant on Aruba to serve mussels this year; the restaurant expects many mussel lovers to flock to The Village this weekend to sample the new crop.

The mussel season has started a bit later than normal because of the dry spring weather in Holland. This underlines the fact that mussels are a natural product and that the weather plays a huge role in their growth cycle. Mussel growers will now start bringing their new crop slowly but surely to market; in batches, so that everyone will get the chance to sample the 2011 mussels.

The verdict on this year's crop is very good: they are

maybe a little bit smaller in size, but their excellent taste makes up for that. You will have to taste them yourself to see whether you agree. Mussel lovers on Aruba will be in good company, by the way: the world's top cyclists of the Tour de France were treated to them on their day of rest yesterday. They loved them!

Papillon's chef will be preparing the mussels in two ways: the traditional and the local way. The classic, traditional way is with all the trimmings: boiled and steeped in French white wine with a garnish of fresh vegetables like finely cut onions, celery, parsley and black, freshly ground pepper and thyme. These traditional mussels are served with French bread, a salad and a choice of potatoes: French fries or new potatoes. The other way is the 'manera local': with Aruba's locally brewed Balashi beer, funchi instead of French bread and a choice



of potatoes and a salad. Funchi is a local staple food.

Mussels are really healthy: they contain hardly any cholesterol at all, are rich in vitamins and good fatty

acids. The 'Zeeuwse Musselselen' are world famous: they are tasty and chewy. Photos show mussel importer Deli Caribbean Aruba's Rick Wouters, Papillon's manager Tina van Mal and



stagiair Stefanie Reumer (21) serving the black pots to guests. Stefanie is on Aruba for a three-month period for her education, which is Hogeschool Tio in Tilburg, Holland. □

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Elosia & Anthony renew vows on Eagle Beach



Lynette is in law enforcement for the last 10 years. Anthony is Captain for the Los Angeles, California Police Department for 28 years. They met at the courthouse where Lynette was working as a courtroom clerk and Anthony was working undercover at the time.



They dated on and off for a year and a half until they felt they were destined to be married, which they did, 13 years ago on November 7th. This is the second time they have come to Aruba. The first time was 3 years ago. Diane Keijzer officiated their very special, personalized renewal of vows. They have not only shared a marriage, but have raised a lovely daughter as well.

~ Photos by Julia Renfro



EAGLE BEACH - Elosia Lynette and Anthony Ward renewed their vows of marriage together with their 8 year old daughter Toni Gabrielle in an intimate ceremony officiated by Diane

Keijzer on Eagle Beach just in front of the Screaming Eagle restaurant. Their witnesses and very dear friends were Toni's God Parents Rochelle and Kevin Goran.

Usain Bolt goes for a triple of triple golds

Usain Bolt of Jamaica gestures during an event for amateur runners in Daegu, south of Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. Bolt came here to participate at the IAAF World Championships which will be held from the Aug. 27-Sept. 4.

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NFL, players' union meet on HGH testing

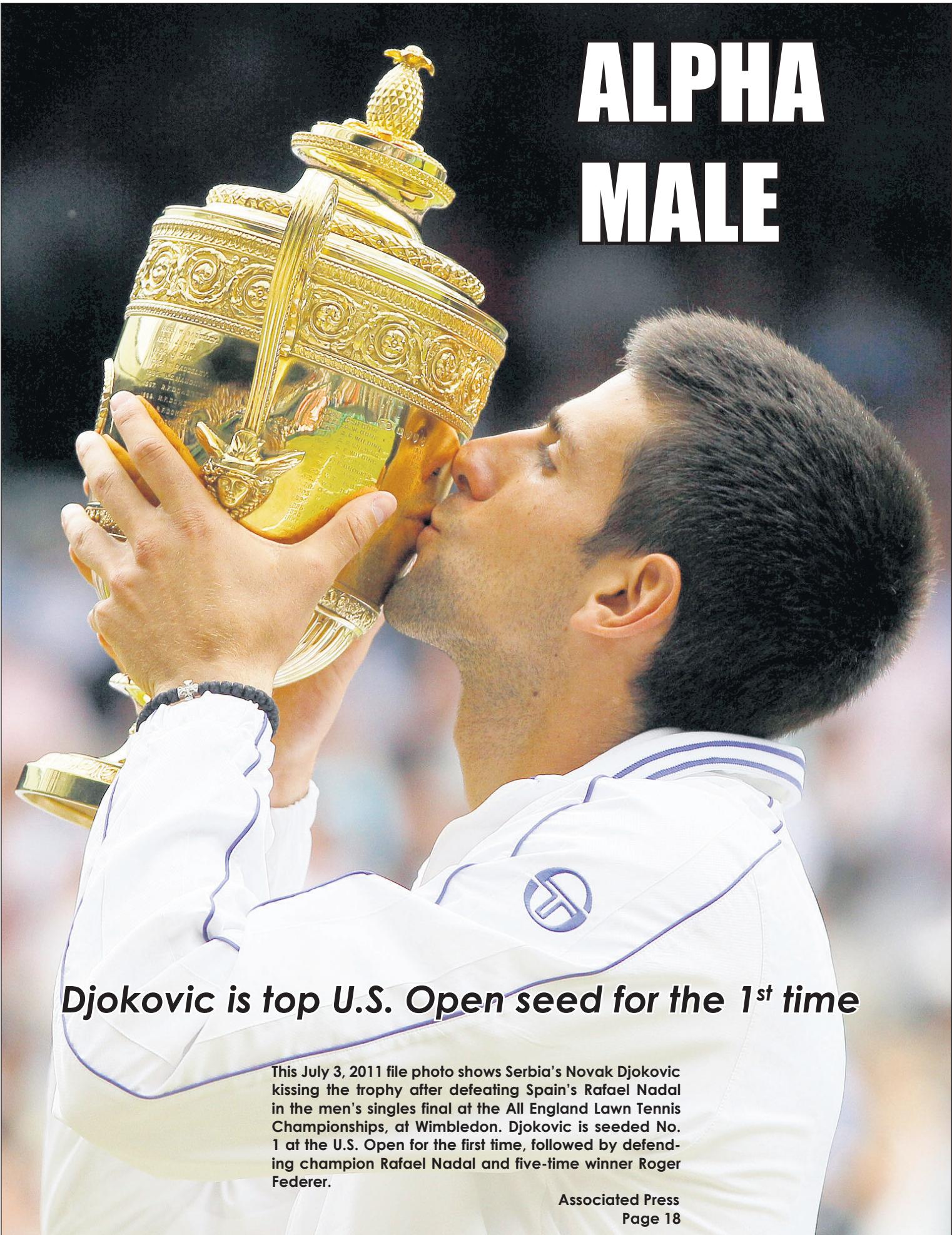
BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and the players' union remain at an impasse on HGH testing with just two weeks remaining before the season kicks off. NFL lead counsel Jeff Pash told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the World Anti-Doping Agency, which would conduct the testing, "demonstrated to our satisfaction that there is very sound science and very thoughtful testing protocols" during a meeting in Montreal. But a person familiar with the talks said the union was not satisfied with WADA's information on the procedures it uses and the reliability of the blood test. WADA handles drug testing for the Olympics and is accepted as the gold standard for worldwide anti-doping testing. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks were supposed to be confidential. The NFL would be the first of the major American professional sports leagues to implement human growth hormone testing. Such testing was included in the new collective bargaining agreement but implementation was contingent upon the union's approval of the test and an appeals process. The union has said it favors eliminating anything that gives a player an unfair advantage over another, but won't sign off on any testing policy it doesn't feel comfortable with, the person said.

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ALPHA MALE



This July 3, 2011 file photo shows Serbia's Novak Djokovic kissing the trophy after defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships, at Wimbledon. Djokovic is seeded No. 1 at the U.S. Open for the first time, followed by defending champion Rafael Nadal and five-time winner Roger Federer.

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Djokovic, other stars face questions at U.S. Open

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Novak Djokovic sat in his sideline chair and winced while his right shoulder was massaged and manipulated by a trainer. Moments later, the top-ranked Djokovic resumed hitting slower-than-usual serves, slapping weak forehands into the net and falling further behind against Andy Murray. On the U.S. television broadcast, former No. 1 Jim Courier was asked by another announcer whether seeing Djokovic struggle so much changed his view that the Serb should be seen as the favorite to win the year's last Grand Slam tournament, which starts Monday. "Not even remotely," Courier replied. "Not a scratch on the surface."

Yes, given how great — nearly perfect, actually — Djokovic's 2011 has been so far, plenty of people still figure he's the man to beat at the U.S. Open. Even with that tired and bothersome shoulder that eventually led him to quit during the final of the Cincinnati Masters last weekend. That went into the books as only Djokovic's second loss in 59 matches during a marvelous season that featured



This May 26, 2011, file photo shows Rafael Nadal, of Spain, racing to make a return against compatriot Pablo Andujar in the second round of the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris. Top-ranked Novak Djokovic is seeded No. 1 at the U.S. Open for the first time, followed by defending champion Nadal and five-time winner Roger Federer.

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a 41-match winning streak and nine titles, including Wimbledon and the Australian Open. "I mean, it's kind of expected. I've played so many matches this year. I mean, I've been winning, you know, a lot and reaching the final stages of each event," Djokovic said. "Considering the schedule that is very busy in tennis,

it's kind of normal to expect that at some stage you are exhausted."

Considering all the ailments and assorted other issues that have hampered so many top tennis players lately, it probably would be appropriate if Djokovic is somewhat less than 100 percent fit. Even if his assessment was: "I am confi-

dent that I can recover and be ready." Run down a list of the sport's stars a day before Thursday's draw in New York, and most have been bothered by something:

— Rafael Nadal, the defending champion, has blisters on his left foot and tender fingers that he burned by touching a hot ceramic plate at a restaurant,

of all things. Aside from that, there is his 0-5 record against Djokovic this year, all in finals, and upset losses at Montreal and Cincinnati. "Sometimes you are playing well; sometimes you are playing worse," Nadal said. "I am playing a little bit worse now than well."

— Roger Federer, who counts five U.S. Open titles among his record 16 Grand Slam trophies, also exited relatively early at those two key hard-court tuneup tournaments. Now he is facing the real possibility of ending his streak of winning at least one major championship eight years in a row. He also turned 30 on Aug. 8, and the last man to win a Grand Slam title after that milestone birthday was Andre Agassi at the 2003 Australian Open.

— Serena Williams cited swelling in her right big toe while pulling out of the Cincinnati hard-court tournament, a far-less-worrisome problem than Djokovic's. Williams — who leads active women with 13 Grand Slam singles titles, including three in New York — is a popular pick in the women's field, even though she's seeded only 28th after missing nearly a full year with a series of health scares. □

Worley pitches Phillies past Mets 9-4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia pitcher Vance Worley kept New York scoreless until the seventh inning, laying the foundation for the Phillies' 9-4 win over the Mets in the National League on Tuesday.

Worley (9-1) finally allowed one run and had a career-high nine strikeouts to win his seventh straight decision. Playing without Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard and Raul Ibanez, the Phillies still got 13 hits. The red-hot John Mayberry and Shane Victorino both hit homers and each had two hits and three RBIs. Mets starter Jonathan Niese (11-11) gave up eight runs in four-plus innings in his worst start of the season. He is likely to go on the disabled list with a rib injury. New York has lost five

straight.

Brewers 11, Pirates 4

In Pittsburgh, Casey McGehee homered during Milwaukee's seven-run second inning as the Brewers powered past Pittsburgh. McGehee's homer came with Ryan Braun on base and accounted for the final two runs of a dreadful inning for Pittsburgh's Ross Ohlendorf (0-1), who was making his first start since April 8. Braun had a two-run double earlier in the inning. Nyjer Morgan finished 4 for 6 with two runs and two RBIs, and Jonathan Lucroy had three hits. Milwaukee starter Marco Estrada (4-8) allowed two runs over seven innings, beating the Pi-

rates for the second time in 11 days. The Brewers (78-53) surpassed last season's win

total and topped Pittsburgh for the 14th time in the past 15 meetings.

Braves 5, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Craig Kimbrel tied a major league rookie record with his 40th save, preserving Atlanta's win over Chicago. Kimbrel worked the ninth for his 40th save in 45 opportunities, tying a mark set by Texas' Neftali Feliz last season. He ran his scoreless streak to 31 2-3 innings as Atlanta won its sixth straight.

Jason Heyward hit his first career grand slam among his three hits. He connected after Alex Gonzalez drew a two-out bases-loaded walk off Casey Coleman (2-6), making it 5-0.

Chipper Jones also had three hits for the Braves, who almost gave the game

away. Alfonso Soriano lead off the Cubs' four-run fifth with a homer. Then in the ninth, Aramis Ramirez singled with two outs, giving him a career-high five hits while extending his hitting streak to 12 games. He advanced to second to put the potential tying run in scoring position, but Tyler Colvin struck out to end the game.

Atlanta's Mike Minor (4-2) won his third straight start.

Diamondbacks 2, Nationals 0

In Washington, Ian Kennedy pitched seven scoreless innings to steer Arizona past Washington. Kennedy (16-4) struck out eight and also added a single and a double with the bat.

In other NL games it was Arizona 2, Washington 0;



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Vance Worley waits for the ball during the seventh inning of a baseball game with the New York Mets, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 9-4.

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Milwaukee 11, Pittsburgh 4; Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 4; Cincinnati 8, Florida 6; Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 4; L.A. Dodgers 13, St. Louis 2; Colorado 8, Houston 6; and San Diego 7, San Francisco 5. □

WNBA Roundup

Liberty fight back to pip Mercury

PHOENIX (AP)—New York's Cappie Pondexter scored 17 points in the last quarter as the Liberty came from six points down with six minutes to play and beat the Phoenix Mercury 74-70 in the WNBA on Tuesday. Pondexter finished with 25 points and Nicole Powell added 16 points for New York. The Mercury got the ball with 12.7 seconds remaining but Penny Taylor missed a long 3-point attempt and Pondexter made a free throw on the other end to seal it.

Candice Dupree had 17 points and seven rebounds to lead the Mercury, who were without leading scorer Diana Taurasi, who sat out with back spasms.

Storm 63, Silver Stars 55

In Seattle, the hosts opened a 1-1/2 game break over San Antonio in the fight for

third place in the Western Conference.

Tanisha Wright had 16 points and Lauren Jackson scored six of her 13 in the fourth quarter for the Storm. Seattle's Sue Bird became the 16th player to pass 4,000 WNBA points.

Sophia Young scored 14 points to lead San Antonio (13-13), which dropped its fourth straight and is just 1-1/2 games ahead of Los Angeles for the fourth and final playoff berth in the West.

Dream 83, Sky 80

In Rosemont, Illinois, Atlanta notched a crucial win over Chicago, opening a two game break on the Sky in their race for the last playoff place in the Eastern Conference.

Angel McCoughtry sank a pair of crucial free throws with 2.5 seconds left and

finished with 22 points, while Lindsey Harding added 15 points for the Dream, who will be hard to catch with only seven games remaining. Sylvia Fowles had hit a turnaround jump shot to give Chicago an 80-79 lead with 6.3 seconds left, but McCoughtry was fouled on the ensuing possession and hit the game-winners.

Fowles had 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Sky.

Lynx 78, Shock 72

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tulsa extended its unwelcome new WNBA record, falling to its 19th straight loss, beaten by Minnesota.

Taj McWilliams-Franklin scored 18 points for the Lynx, and blocked a jump shot in the lane with 19.1 seconds remaining to help Minnesota hold off a late rally.

Lindsay Whalen scored 14

points for the Lynx.

Amber Holt scored 18 points for the Shock, who fell to 1-24 this season.

Tulsa trailed only 55-50 after three quarters but stumbled through two brief yet costly scoring droughts in the fourth. The Lynx broke off a 7-2 run to pull away and scored five unanswered points later in the quarter for a 12-point lead.

Sparks 86, Mystics 82, OT

In Washington, Candace Parker had 19 points, including the go-ahead basket with 38.9 seconds left in overtime, to lead Los Angeles over Washington.

Tina Thompson finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Sparks, who went ahead 81-80 when Parker slithered through the defense for a layup, forcing the fifth and final change of lead during overtime.



New York Liberty's Cappie Pondexter (23) gets off a shot over Phoenix Mercury's Ketia Swanier, middle, as Liberty's Kia Vaughn (15) looks on during the first quarter in a WNBA basketball game, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, in Phoenix.

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In other WNBA games it was Los Angeles 86, Washington 82, OT; Atlanta 83, Chicago 80; Minnesota 78, Tulsa 72; New York 74, Phoenix 70; and Seattle 63, San Antonio 55. □

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Red Sox finally win at Rangers, 11-5

AL Roundup

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

Boston's Adrian Gonzalez homered twice as the Red Sox finally got their first win of the season at Texas, beating the Rangers 11-5 in Tuesday's clash of American League divisional leaders.

Jacoby Ellsbury made an immediate impact in his return to the lineup, leading off the game with a single, stealing second and scoring on Gonzalez's first homer, putting the Red Sox ahead to stay. The All-Star center fielder had missed three games after getting by a pitch.

Boston, which had lost its first four games at Rangers Ballpark this season, moved within two percentage points of first-place New York in the AL East.

Red Sox starter John Lackey (12-9) pitched 6 2-3 innings for his seventh win in his past eight starts.

Texas starter Colby Lewis (11-9) allowed seven runs



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz (34) runs through Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli, who was unable to hold on to the ball, while scoring on a Carl Crawford double in the first inning of a baseball game on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, in Arlington, Texas. Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia also scored on the play.

over six innings.

Tigers 2, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Brad Penny pitched effectively into the seventh inning as Detroit edged Tampa Bay.

Penny (9-9) gave up one

run over 6 1-3 innings, getting back to his best after shaky recent form. Phil Coke struck out five over the final two innings for his first save. Alex Avila had an RBI single

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for the Tigers.

Rays starter David Price (11-11) allowed two runs in eight innings to take the loss.

Athletics 6, Yankees 5

In New York, Brandon Allen hit two long homers and Eric Sogard connected for one that barely cleared the wall as Oakland hung on to beat New York.

Brandon McCarthy extended the A's stretch of superb pitching by going into the eighth before allowing a two-out, three-run homer to Nick Swisher. Those three runs were one more than Oakland had given up in the previous three games

combined.

The Yankees, who had trailed 6-0 in the seventh, got two more runs in the ninth against closer Andrew Bailey before Swisher flied out to the wall in right-centerfield with the bases loaded to end it.

In other AL games it was Cleveland 7, Seattle 5, 1st game; Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 5; Seattle 12, Cleveland 7, 2nd game; Kansas City 6, Toronto 4; Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1; Boston 11, Texas 5; Baltimore 8, Minnesota 1; and L.A. Angels 5, Chicago White Sox 4. □

HGH testing

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"We have never shied away from the fact that that needs to be tested," Broncos safety Brian Dawkins, a member of the NFLPA executive committee, said. "But it's just doing it the right way and going about it in not such an invasive way." NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell attended Wednesday's meeting, and NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith was in contact by telephone with union reps. Also on hand for the league was Adolfo Birch, its senior vice president of law and labor policy.

Among those representing the union were outside counsel Maurice Suh, who represented disgraced cyclist Floyd Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour de France win for doping, and scientists Paul Scott, Tim Roberts and Dennis Crouch of Aegis Lab in Nashville.

The NFLPA had asked WADA for information on how the testing works, the rate of reliability and for data on the safety of the HGH test. The person said none of that information was made available Wednesday. Another person familiar with the talks, however, said Scott, Roberts and Crouch were given an opportunity to ask questions after getting a summary of data from

WADA, but did not.

Players would be subject to random testing for HGH, in addition to annual checks — as is the case for all banned substances in the league's drug-testing program.

Pash said WADA reviewed their recent studies on growth hormone testing and summarized the results of perhaps as many 4,000 tests during the meeting, attended by WADA director David Howman and Dr. Gerry Baumann, an independent expert on HGH. No further meetings have been scheduled.

Anti-doping experts have long criticized the NFL and Major League Baseball for not testing for HGH. Baseball tests minor league players, and last week, Rockies Triple-A player Mike Jacobs received a 50-game suspension after a positive test for HGH and became the first North American pro athlete to be punished for taking the drug.

On Tuesday, Rep. Jim Matheson (D-Utah) sent a letter to Goodell to encourage the league "to implement HGH testing in time for the kickoff of the NFL regular season" on Sept. 8. Failing to do so "would be unfortunate given that the test is widely supported by experts in the field and, just last week, helped identify a minor league baseball player abusing HGH who immediately admitted his guilt," Matheson wrote. □

Rodriguez wins 5th stage Chavanel keeps lead

VALDEPENAS DE JAEN, Spain (AP) — Joaquin Rodriguez won the fifth stage of the Spanish Vuelta and French cyclist Sylvain Chavanel kept the overall leader's red jersey on Wednesday.

A day after helping Daniel Moreno to victory, Rodriguez had the favor returned by his fellow Spaniard and Katusha teammate to finish the 187-kilometer (116-mile) stage in 4 hours, 42 minutes, 54 seconds.

Dutch rider Wouter Poels of Vancansoleil-DCM was four seconds behind Rodriguez, crossing the finish line one second ahead of Moreno. Poels' Dutch teammate Bauke Mollema was seven seconds behind in fourth while Italian rider Michele Scarponi led a group of six that finished eight seconds back of Rodriguez.

"I had marked this stage down with an X before-

hand," said Rodriguez, who finished fourth overall last year. "Last year I broke too early. This year I'm unbeatable."

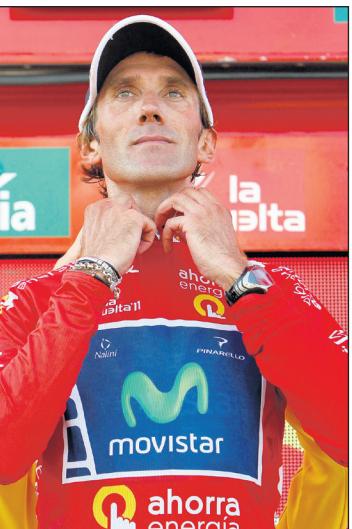
Chavanel leads overall by nine seconds from Moreno after timing 18:02:34. Rodriguez moved within 23 seconds of the QuickStep cyclist in third, three seconds better than Danish rider Jakob Fuglsang.

Defending champion Vincenzo Nibali was 11th — 11 seconds behind — to trail Chavanel by 33 seconds in fifth.

British sprinter Mark Cavendish did not race after pulling out during Tuesday's fourth stage.

Organizers held one minute silence before the start in honor of Spanish cyclist Xavier Tondo, who died in a freak accident earlier this year.

Thursday's sixth stage is a 193.4-kilometer leg from



Spanish Pablo Lastra from Movistar cycling team fits his new overall leader red jersey on the podium after winning the third stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race over 163 kilometers with start in Petrer and finish in Totana, Spain, Monday Aug. 22, 2011.

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Ubeda to the ancient city of Cordoba. Sprinters will be have to be mindful of staying close to the leaders or risk losing out on a chance on the final sprint after a short climb near the close. □

Bolt, Bolt, Bolt for a triple of triple golds

RAF CASERT

AP Sports Writer

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) —

Usain Bolt will be going for a triple of golden triples when he settles into the starting blocks Saturday on the opening day of the athletics world championships.

Another sprint sweep of the 100 and 200 meters and the 4x100 relay will further cement his status as a sporting legend at only 25 — even if any superlative feat in Daegu will only be seen as a warmup for next year's London Olympics.

After three world records at the 2008 Beijing Games and two at the 2009 worlds in Berlin — the relay team merely ran the second fastest time in history — don't count on Bolt to break more marks in South Korea. Since a back injury last year, he is still looking for his sharpest form.

But more gold is all what counts now.

"World records can be broken but medals are forever," Bolt said.

His toughest challenge this year is not expected from U.S. sprinters after Tyson

Gay injured himself, but from Jamaican teammate Asafa Powell, who has the top 100 time of the year at 9.78 seconds.

But in their only confrontation this year in, Bolt edged him in Rome.

"He has been running fast for many years and deserves a lot of respect," Bolt said of his relay teammate. Where victory lies at the finish line for Bolt, it comes much earlier for Oscar Pistorius.

The double-amputee sprinter from South Africa, who runs on carbon-fiber blades that replace his lower legs, will first race in the 400 heats on Sunday. Even if Pistorius fails to make it to the final — he is only the 18th best performer of the season — the sight of him competing against the best should send a message of hope to all disabled athletes around the world and provide a feel-good story for everyone else.

Another South African that will catch some attention is Caster Semenya. As an 18-year-old in Berlin she

won the 800 before she was sidelined for 11 months in a gender-test controversy. Now she is back, although not at her best.

Bolt won't be the only one chasing triple gold in Daegu. Allyson Felix will be seeking a fourth-straight 200 title, but she also wants to beat defending champion Sanya Richards-Ross for her first 400 win, too.

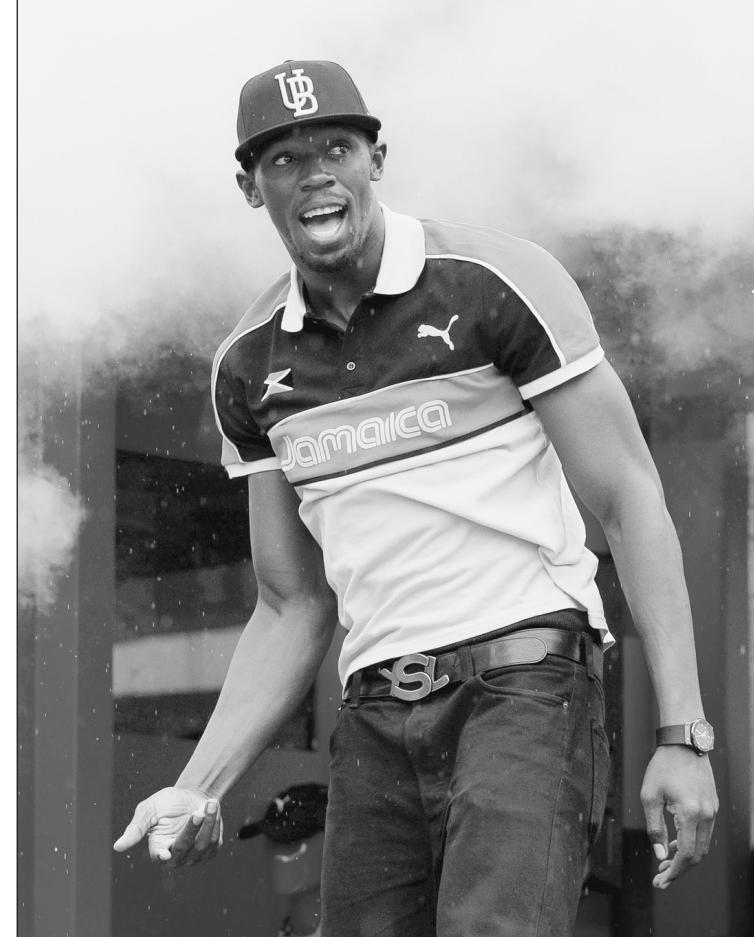
Another 4x400 relay gold would make it a perfect three-for-three championships for the American runner.

If four straight is impressive, Kenenisa Bekele is trying to do one better when he lines up in the 10,000 on Sunday.

The Ethiopian has not run a competitive 10,000 in two seasons but such is his standing that no one wants to count him out.

A fifth title would also break the tie with Haile Gebrsellassie as Bekele is seeking to take over as the greatest long-distance runner in history.

Five in a row would still not be a world championship record, however. Sergei



Usain Bolt of Jamaica dances upon his arrival for an event for amateur runners in Daegu, south of Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. Bolt came here to participate at the IAAF World Championships which will be held from the Aug. 27-Sept. 4.

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Bubka won six pole vault titles in a row.

Yelena Isinbayeva was long seen as a female version of Bubka in the making — until she no-heighted in Berlin two years ago to lose her stranglehold on the discipline. That was supposed to be a momentary blip, but it turned into a two-year hiatus of titles and a season-long timeout to reassess her career.

Now, the multiple Olympic champion and world-record holder is back and wants to reimpose her domination.

Russia could certainly use her boost since it finished only fourth in the medal standings last time behind the United States, Jamaica and Kenya.

Jamaica was neck-and-neck in the gold medal race until the last day in Berlin. Then the United States made another big move to end with 10 golds and 22 overall, with Jamaica second with seven golds and 13 overall.

The same theme should long run over the next two weeks if the Jamaican

sprint domination over the Americans continues.

Jamaica's men look even stronger than two years ago. And with U.S. star Tyson Gay out injured, and Michael Rodgers provisionally suspended after testing positive for a banned stimulant, Jamaica looks poised to extend their reign.

The Americans might well have to rely on the women's sprinters instead. Carmelita Jeter has been the dominant sprinter for the past two seasons, and has edged Jamaican rival Veronica Campbell-Brown for the top time in the 100 this year.

Americans also hold the top three times in the 200. But in one event, picking a winner is unpredictable. David Oliver has the top time in the 110 hurdles this year, but a resurgent former Olympic and world champion Liu Xiang is a close second and reigning Olympic champion Dayron Robles is third.

In an extremely technical discipline, one tiny error could make all the difference. □

Netherlands topples Spain in FIFA world rankings

ZURICH (AP) — The Netherlands leads the FIFA rankings for the first time after ending World Cup winner Spain's 13-month reign at the top on Wednesday. The Dutch, World Cup runners-up last year, rose to the top spot despite not playing last month. Spain lost 2-1 in a friendly to new No. 7 Italy. Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk welcomed his nation's status as the seventh country to lead the table in its 18-year history.

"We know it is tough to reach first place, but tougher still to stay there. That is a great challenge," Van Marwijk said.

The rankings take results across four years into account and have often proved difficult for fans to

understand. The current standings include points gained at the 2008 European Championship, which Spain also won. The Netherlands lost in the quarterfinals. Van Marwijk said his team's main focus remains qualifying for Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine.

"We have to stay realistic. This is a snapshot, not a tangible prize," he said. Europe holds the top four places, with Germany at No. 3 and England rising two places to No. 4 after also not playing. Its friendly against the Netherlands was canceled due to riots in London. Copa America winner Uruguay stays at No. 5 but heads Brazil, which dropped to sixth place after losing 3-2 in Germany.

Ivory Coast is the top African country at No. 15, tied with Japan, the best of the Asian nations. Gold Cup winner Mexico leads CONCACAF teams at No. 20. The United States rises two to No. 28. New Zealand is unchanged at No. 94 as the best from Oceania. A total of 76 matches counted toward the latest rankings, including 60 friendlies and 15 Asian qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Vietnam moved up 15 places to No. 129 after beating Qatar 2-1 in the return match of a qualifier which cost Qatar coach Milovan Rajevac his job. Qatar, the 2022 World Cup host, advanced 4-2 on aggregate against Vietnam and climbed two places to No. 88. □

Healthy professor: Carb confidential

NINA MARINELLO

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Dear Healthy Professor: Is it possible to eat too few carbohydrates?

A: If you avoid all plant-based foods and milk products along with any kind of sweets, then you are getting too few carbohydrates in your diet. So it's possible, but not advisable.

Carbohydrates are the source of glucose, which provides almost half the energy your body needs and is the preferred fuel for your central nervous system. In addition to being a prime energy source, carbohydrate-rich foods like whole grains, fruits, vegetables, beans and milk also pro-

few carbs.

How many of you have cut down on carbohydrates to lose weight? Some of these changes are for the better, because carbohydrates are the downfall of many a dieter because they taste so darn good. Just think about warm Italian bread and a dish of pasta. To make matters worse, it seems the more we eat, the more we want. How many times have you heard someone say, "I'm addicted to carbs."

I asked Marianne Romano, registered dietitian and certified health coach (RomanoHealthCoaching.com) to share her thoughts on this topic. In her experi-

ters worse, this high level of insulin turns on fat storage as well. This is a vicious cycle, and the only way to break it is to make better carb choices and pair carbs with some fat and protein, for example a low-fat Greek yogurt with a few almonds.

So should you cut your carb intake way down and live on bacon? As tempting as that may sound to some of you, it's not a good idea. Marianne explains that your brain relies on glucose to function, so if all you are eating is protein and fat, the liver has to make glucose from protein.

This isn't very efficient, and it's best to use protein for muscle maintenance and other critical cellular processes.

It's also important to remember that even if you are serious about losing weight, using only fat for energy, in the absence of carbohydrates, results in ketone production. If ketone levels get too high, they can cause serious side effects. The recommended dietary allowance for carbohydrates is 130 grams per day for adults. This amount is established to meet the daily dietary needs of most healthy people. Marianne says that there is no universal definition for a low-carb diet. However, they generally consist of fewer than 50 grams of carbohydrates per day.

This may work for weight loss, but is it sustainable? In my opinion, it's tough to do when you consider that one cup of cooked pasta contains about 40 grams of carbohydrates. □

vide a variety of essential nutrients and fiber that contribute to good health. You really have to go out of your way to eat too few carbs, because they are in so many foods that we love to eat. However, the popularity of low-carb diets has diminished the important role of carbohydrates in a balanced diet and may lead to people eating too

ence, she thinks the craving issue has a lot to do with the type of carbs and the release of insulin. Sugars and starches are the greatest stimulators of insulin. It is important to know that when blood sugars peak, insulin is released and over time blood sugar levels fall and we are hungry again (hence we start to crave carbs again). To make mat-



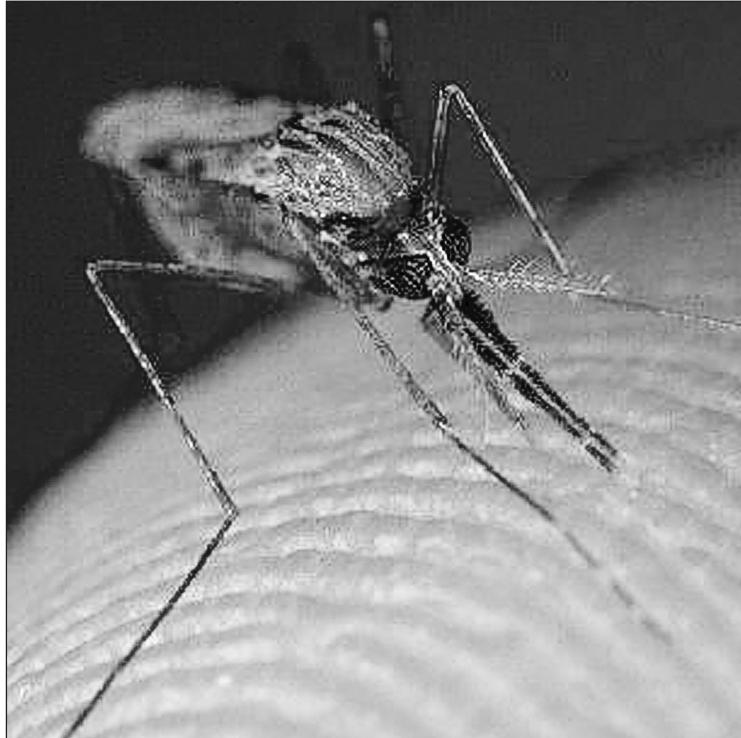
clude seven children. Cambodia has had 16 deaths from 18 confirmed cases of bird flu since 2005. WHO says globally there have been 331 deaths from 565 confirmed bird flu cases since the disease was first noted in 2003. □

WHO says Cambodian girl has died of bird flu

PHNOM PENH, (AP) — The World Health Organization says a 6-year-old Cambodian girl has died from bird flu. WHO and Cambodia's Ministry of Health said in a joint news conference Wednesday that she is the eighth person to die from

the H5N1 flu virus this year in Cambodia. They said she died on Aug. 14 after becoming sick in Kampong Cham province. All eight people who are known to have contracted bird flu in Cambodia this year have died. They in-

clude seven children. Cambodia has had 16 deaths from 18 confirmed cases of bird flu since 2005. WHO says globally there have been 331 deaths from 565 confirmed bird flu cases since the disease was first noted in 2003. □



Scientists have made a promising advance for controlling dengue fever, a tropical disease spread by mosquito bites.

Specialized mosquitoes may fight tropical disease

MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have made a promising advance for controlling dengue fever, a tropical disease spread by mosquito bites. They've rapidly replaced mosquitoes in the wild with skeeters that don't spread the dengue virus. More than 50 million people a year get the dengue virus from being bitten by infected mosquitoes in tropical and subtropical areas, including Southeast Asia. It can cause debilitating high fever, severe headaches, and pain in the muscles and joints, and lead to a potentially fatal complication. There's no vaccine or specific treatment.

Some scientists have been trying to fight dengue by limiting mosquito populations. That was the goal in releasing genetically modified mosquitoes last year at sites in Malaysia and the Cayman Islands.

Australian scientists took a different tack, they report in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

First, they showed that *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, the chief carriers of the dengue virus, resist spreading that virus if they are infected with a particular kind of bacteria. Then they tested whether these resis-

tant mosquitoes could displace their ordinary cousins in the wild, thus reducing the number of dengue-spreading mosquitoes. The resistant mosquitoes have an advantage in reproduction. Resistant females can mate with either resistant or ordinary mosquitoes, and all their offspring will be resistant. But when ordinary females mate with a resistant male, none of the offspring survive.

For the experiment, scientists released more than 140,000 resistant mosquitoes over 10 weeks in each of two isolated communities near Cairns in northeastern Australia, starting last January. By mid-April, monitoring found that resistant mosquitoes made up 90 percent to 100 percent of the wild population.

The result is a "ground-breaking first step," Jason Rasgon of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore wrote in a commentary accompanying the paper.

Rasgon, who did not participate in the study, said the next hurdle is to test the idea in areas where dengue is spread constantly, rather than sporadically as in Australia. Researchers will also have to show it works against varied strains of the dengue virus, he said. □

What about an early French dinner?

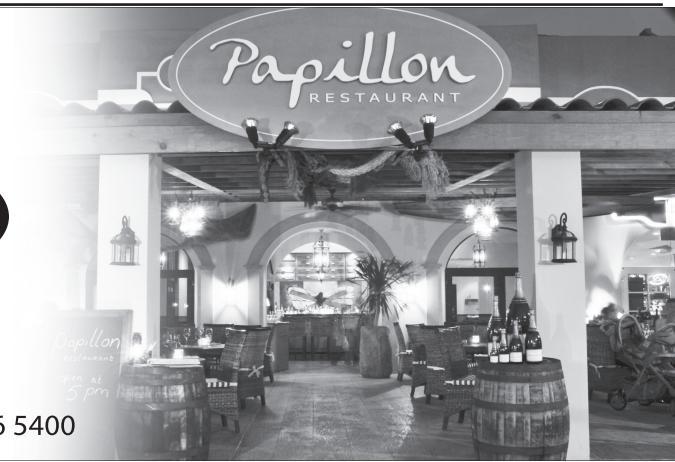
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WTC memorial guide debuts as free iPhone app

By KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The arrangement of nearly 3,000 names at the World Trade Center memorial is now available as a free iPhone app, memorial officials said Wednesday.

The guide to the names, which includes biographical information about the victims and pinpoints the location of each name at the memorial, was placed online in May. It will be available on electronic kiosks when the memorial opens next month, on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Joe Daniels, president and CEO of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, briefed reporters about progress at the site during a New York Press Club tour that also featured a talk by trade center developer Larry Silverstein. A public service announcement about the 2001 terror attacks will air on local TV stations starting Thursday, Daniels said. The PSAs star downtown Manhattan residents, including actor Robert De Niro, as well as victims' family members and first responders. The memorial designed by Michael Arad features cascading waterfalls in the footprints of the towers surrounded by bronze parapets bearing the names. It opens to family members on Sept. 11 and to the general public on Sept. 12. Passes can be reserved online. A museum housing thousands of artifacts from the attacks will open in 2012. □

Russian supply ship for space station crashes

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Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — A Russian space station supply ship crashed with a thunderous boom into Siberia minutes after launch Wednesday, rattling NASA and others in this new

era without any shuttles to bail out the orbiting outpost. The rocket failed barely a month after NASA's final space shuttle flight.

While the International Space Station has more than enough supplies, the accident threatens to delay the launch of the next crew, just one month away. That's because the upper stage of the unmanned Soyuz rocket that failed is similar to the ones used to launch astronauts to the station.

In addition, three of the six space station residents who

are due to return to Earth in two weeks might end up staying longer. NASA wants a full staff to keep research going.

The astronauts were just beginning to spend more time on scientific experiments, now that the station is complete.

The Soyuz rocket soared right on time from Kazakhstan, and everything seemed to be going perfectly until just over five minutes into the flight. The third-stage ignited, but the rocket commanded the engine to shut down because of a problem, said NASA's space station program manager, Mike Suffredini.

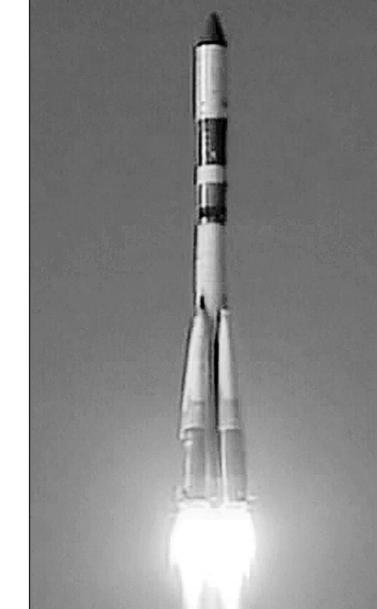
All contact with the spacecraft was lost. Russian space officials declared it a total failure after reports of wreckage falling with a deafening roar in a remote area of Siberia.

"The explosion was so strong that for 100 kilometers (60 miles) glass almost flew out of the windows," Alexander Borisov, head of the Choisky region in Russia's Altai province, was quoted by state news agency RIA Novosti as saying.

Shuttle Atlantis' final mission in July left the space station with a year's worth of provisions.

Without the shuttles, NASA now is counting on Russia, Europe and Japan, as well as private U.S. businesses, to keep the station stocked. The Russians had 3 tons of supplies aboard the Progress ship that was destroyed. And it's the Russians who will be transporting astronauts back and forth until U.S. private industry can pick up the human load.

NASA and its international partners want to keep the space station running until at least 2020.



In this image made from Rossiya 24 television channel, a Soyuz rocket booster carrying the Progress supply ship is launched from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011.

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At a news briefing, Suffredini said the Sept. 22 launch of a new three-man crew — one American and two Russians — may need to be delayed, depending on how the accident investigation goes. □

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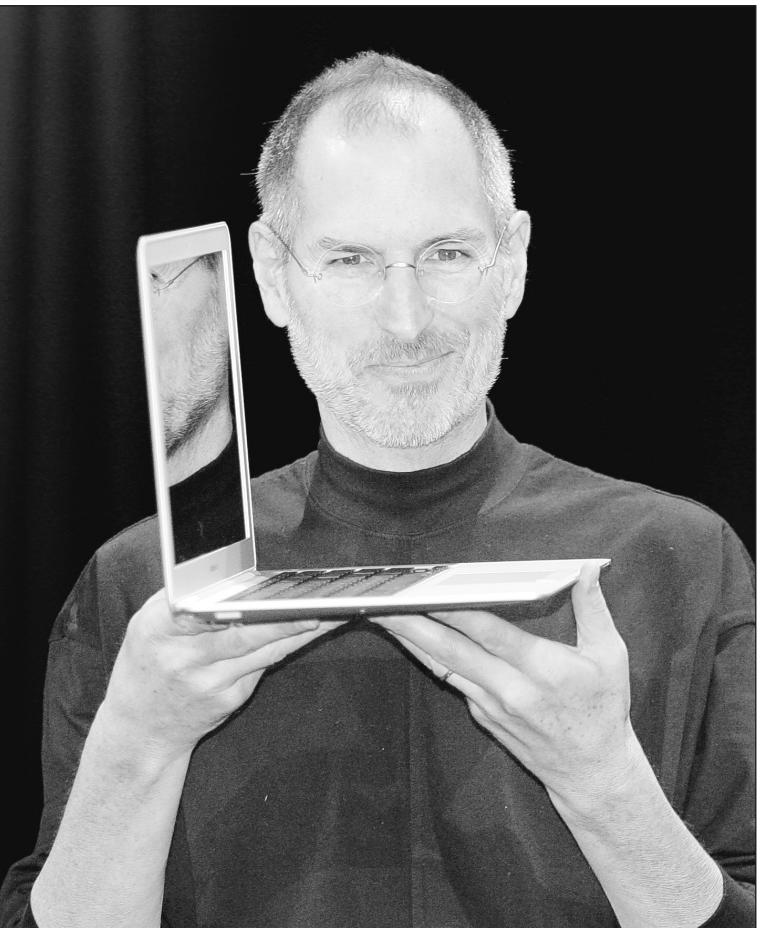
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Steve Jobs started Apple Computer with a high school friend in a Silicon Valley garage in 1976, was forced out a decade later, then returned to rescue the company. During his second stint, Apple grew into the most valuable technology company in the world. Jobs invented and masterfully marketed ever-sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone. Cultivating Apple's countercultural sensibility and a minimalist design ethic, he rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of the late-2000s recession and his own failing health.

Jobs helped change computers from a geeky hobbyist's obsession to a necessity of modern life at work and home, and in the process he upended not just personal technology but the cellphone and music industries.

Perhaps most influentially, he launched the iPod in 2001, which offered "1,000 songs in your pocket." Over the next 10 years, its white earphones and thumb-dial



In this Jan. 15, 2008 file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up the MacBook Air after his keynote at the MacWorld Conference in San Francisco. Apple Inc. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 said Jobs is resigning as CEO, effective immediately. He will be replaced by Tim Cook, who was the company's chief operating officer. It said Jobs has been elected as Apple's chairman.

Associated Press

control seemed to become as ubiquitous as the wristwatch.

In 2007 came the touch-screen iPhone, and later its miniature "apps," which made the phone a device not just for making calls but

for managing money, storing photos, playing games and browsing the Web.

And in 2010, Jobs introduced the iPad, a tablet-sized, all-touch computer that took off even though market analysts said no one

really needed one.

Earlier this month, Apple briefly surpassed Exxon Mobil as the most valuable company in America, with Apple stock on the open market worth more than other company's.

Under Jobs, the company cloaked itself in secrecy to build frenzied anticipation for each of its new products. Jobshimself had a wizardly sense of what his customers wanted, and where demand didn't exist, he leveraged a cult-like following to create it. When he spoke at Apple presentations, almost always in faded blue jeans, sneakers and a black mock turtleneck, legions of Apple acolytes listened to every word. He often boasted about Apple successes, then coyly added a coda — "One more thing" — before introducing its latest ambitious idea.

In recent years, Apple investors also watched these appearances for clues to his health.

In 2004, Jobs revealed that he had been diagnosed with — and "cured" of — a rare form of operable pancreatic cancer called an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor. In early 2009, it became clear he was again ill.

Jobs took a half-year

medical leave of absence starting in January 2009, during which he had a liver transplant. Last January, he announced another medical leave, his third, with no set duration. He returned to the spotlight briefly in March to personally unveil a second-generation iPad.

Jobs grew up in California and after finishing high school enrolled in Reed College in Portland, Oregon, but dropped out after a semester.

"All of my working-class parents' savings were being spent on my college tuition. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it," he said at a Stanford University commencement address in 2005.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life

and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out."

When he returned to California in 1974, Jobs worked for video game maker Atari and attended meetings of a local computer club with Steve Wozniak, a high school friend who was a few years older.

Wozniak's homemade computer drew attention from other enthusiasts, but Jobs saw its potential far beyond the geeky hobbyists of the time. The pair started Apple in Jobs' parents' garage two years later. Their first creation was the Apple I — essentially, the guts of a computer without a case, keyboard or monitor.

The Apple II, which hit the market in 1977, was their first machine for the masses. It became so popular that Jobs was worth \$100 million by age 25. Time magazine put him on its cover for the first time in 1982.

Three years earlier, during a visit to the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, Jobs again spotted mass potential in a niche invention: a computer that allowed people to access files and control programs with the click of a mouse, not typed commands. He returned to Apple and ordered the team to copy what he had seen.

It foreshadowed a propensity to take other people's concepts, improve on them and spin them into wildly successful products. Under Jobs, Apple didn't invent computers, digital music players or smartphones — it reinvented them for people who didn't want to learn computer programming or negotiate the technical hassles of keeping their gadgets working.

"We have always been shameless about stealing great ideas," Jobs said in an interview for the PBS series "Triumph of the Nerds." The engineers responded with two computers. The pricier one, called Lisa, launched to a cool reception in 1983. A less-expensive model called the Macintosh exploded onto the scene in 1984. □

Budget deficit slips to \$1.28T

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

After months of unrelieved gloom and discord, Congress and President Barack Obama are starting to make a dent in the federal budget deficit.

It's projected to shrink slightly to \$1.28 trillion this year, and bigger savings from this month's debt ceiling deal are forecast over the next decade.

No one's celebrating. There will be plenty of red ink for years to come.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected Wednesday that annual budget deficits will be reduced by a total of \$3.3 trillion over the next decade, largely because of the deficit reduction

package passed by Congress earlier this month. The office also forecast persistently high unemployment, a troubling political prospect for President Barack Obama in the crucial months of his campaign to win a second term.

Even with the anticipated big savings, annual budget deficits are expected to total nearly \$3.5 trillion over the next decade — and much more if Bush-era tax cuts scheduled to expire at the end of next year are extended.

In all, nearly \$8.5 trillion would be added to the national debt over the next 10 years if the tax cuts and certain spending programs are kept in place, the budget office report said.

The national debt now

stands at more than \$14.6 trillion.

The numbers help illustrate the urgency facing a new joint committee in Congress that is charged with finding \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion in budget savings over the next decade.

Some lawmakers are calling for an even bigger package, a tall order given the bitter debate that produced this month's debt deal.

"CBO's report is yet more evidence that Congress faces a twin challenge of a sluggish near-term economy and a still very serious long-term debt threat," said Sen. Kent Conrad, a Democrat, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. "Congress cannot afford to ignore either challenge." □

Stocks stage afternoon rally; Gold plunges \$104

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A late afternoon surge pushed stocks higher for the third day straight. The Dow Jones industrial average finished with a gain of 144 points Wednesday, but only after veering much of the day from gains to losses and back again.

Gold plunged \$104 an ounce and government bond yields rose as investors became less fearful. An encouraging rise in orders for cars, aircraft and other long-lasting goods in July helped ease worries that the U.S. was headed for another recession. The government said durable goods orders rose 4 percent, the biggest increase since March. Orders fell in June.

The stock market spent most of the day looking like a driver given bad directions. The Dow headed lower at the start of trading, turned up 115 points by 10 a.m., then pulled another U-turn and was down 48 points shortly after midday. Near the end of the day, the Dow retraced its route and rose steadily in the last 90 minutes of trading to end up 143.95 points, or 1.3 percent, at 11,320.71. The Dow had surged 322 points the day before, the biggest gain since Aug. 11.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.25 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,177.60. The Nasdaq rose 21.63, or 0.9 percent, to 2,467.69.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped to 2.29 percent from 2.15 percent late Tuesday. The yield had fallen below 2 percent last week, a record low, as investors piled into lower-risk assets. Bond yields fall when demand for them rises.

Large swings in the stock market have been commonplace this August. In the week after Standard & Poor's stripped the U.S. of its AAA rating Aug. 5, the Dow alternated between 400-point gains and losses

four days in a row. That had never happened before. The stock market often takes sudden turns in late August anyway, because fewer traders are at their desks, said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG. Lower trading volumes often make for a more volatile market.

"It's kind of crazy. I blinked and in 15 minutes the market had turned," Greenhaus said. "But in the last two weeks of August, wild swings like this are not out of the ordinary."

Another reason for the recent jitters is the debate over the possibility of another U.S. recession. Investors have said they're weighing each economic report for evidence. In this climate, weak economic figures can look encouraging.

ing if they're not as bad as most people had feared, Greenhaus said.

Weak economic data can also be seen as a call for the Federal Reserve to announce another rescue effort for the economy, said Abigail Huffman, head of research for Russell Investments. Many investors hope Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke will offer some help when he speaks at a conference on Friday. It was at that same meeting last year that Bernanke made the case for the Fed buying Treasury bonds to lower interest rates and spur spending. That \$600 billion bond-buying program, known as QE2, ended in June. Huffman and other strategists think the Fed is unlikely to start another large bond-buying program. □

Home mortgage applications fall to 15-year low

DEREK KRAVITZ
AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mortgage applications to purchase a home fell last week to a 15-year low, despite the lowest mortgage rates in decades.

Many potential buyers are holding off because they are worried about job security and fear the U.S. economy could slip back into another recession.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said Wednesday that an index measuring mortgage applications, which are adjusted for seasonal factors, fell 2.4 percent last week from the previous week. Home mortgage applications plunged 5.7 percent to its lowest level since December 1996.

"Another week of volatile markets and rampant uncertainty regarding the economy kept prospective homebuyers on the

sidelines," said Mike Fratantoni, the trade group's vice president of research and economics.

Few expect the lowest mortgage rates in decades to energize the depressed housing market. Over the past year, the average rate on the 30-year fixed mortgage has been below 5 percent for all but two weeks. Last week, it hit a four-decade low of 4.15 percent.

Yet sales remain unhealthy. Sales of new and previously occupied homes both fell in July. Sales of new homes are on pace to finish the year as the lowest on records dating back to 1963. The pace of re-sales is shaping up to be the worst in 14 years. Home prices haven't fared much better. Since the peak of the housing boom in 2007, homes have lost nearly a third of their value. □



Gold bars weighing one ton are on display in a vault at the Czech Central Bank in Prague, Czech Republic. The price of gold set a new record on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, soaring as high as 1,895 U.S. dollars (1,313 euro) an ounce, as investors anxious about the uncertain global economy continued to snap up the precious metal.

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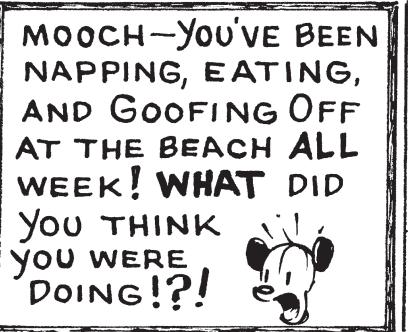
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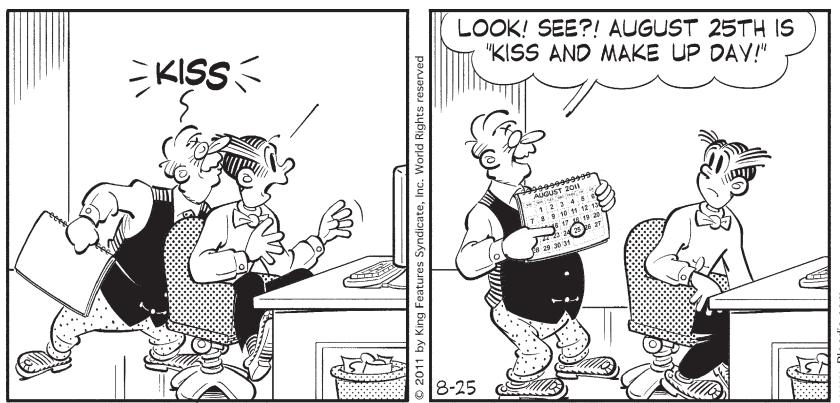
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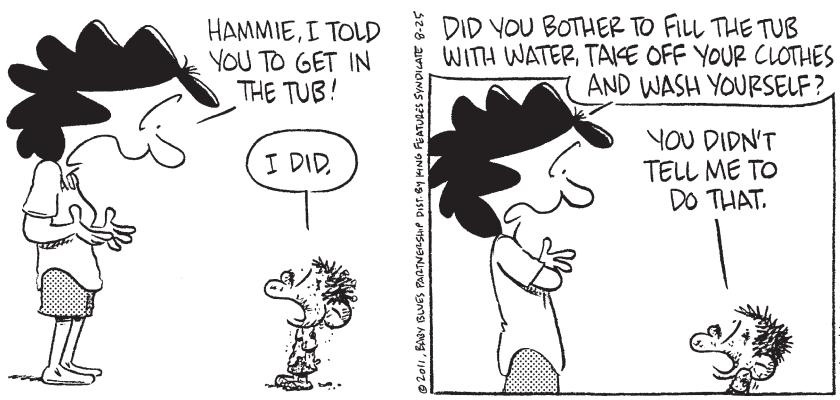


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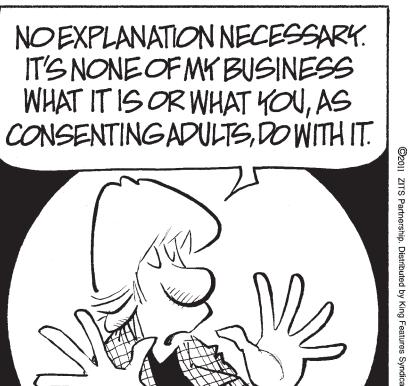


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20 Altogether
22 State positively
24 Bedtime on a school night, perhaps
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26 Straights
29 Invited
30 ___ of; free from
31 Speculate
33 Signifies
37 Gator's cousin
39 Force out
41 Faucet problem
42 Beauty parlor
44 Chavez or Romero
46 ___ cream sundae
47 ___ with; carrying
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51 Extraction
54 Womanizer
55 Rubber end of a pencil
56 Segment in the spinal column
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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51 Empire
52 Bert's buddy
53 Partners
54 Becomes dizzy
55 Mantilla
56 Floating ice
57 Talk wildly
58 Tavern drinks
59 Tavern drinks
60 Body of water

Today In History

1580 - Spain invades Portugal and in a matter of weeks, conquers it and keeps it for more than 80 years.

1718 - French immigrants to United States found city of New Orleans in Louisiana.

1825 - Uruguay declares independence from Brazil.

1860 - British and French troops take Tianjin in war with China.

1875 - Matthew Webb, British professional swimmer, becomes the first person to swim across the English Channel, traveling from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.

1883 - France obtains protectorate over Annam and Tonkin in Indochina.

1916 - U.S. National Park Service is established within the Department of the Interior to protect America's wilderness from development.

1921 - The United States signs a peace treaty with Germany.

1941 - British and Soviet troops invade Iran, following shah's refusal to reduce number of resident Germans.

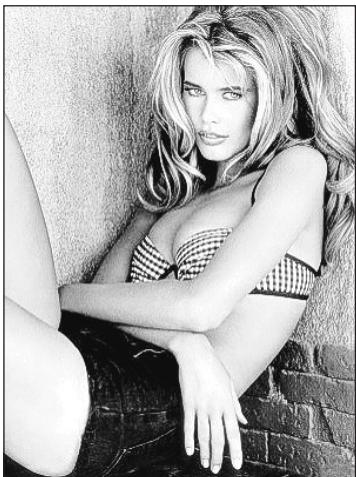
1990 - U.N. Security Council authorizes military action to enforce trade embargo imposed on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait.

1993 - U.N. trucks piled high with food and medicine enter the embattled Bosnian city of Mostar. Terrified Muslims prevent 53 Spanish peacekeepers from leaving the city for six days.

1996 - Israel moves trailers into Jewish West Bank settlements, the first step of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu toward expanding settlements.

1997 - Egon Krenz, the East German communist leader who threw open the Berlin Wall eight years earlier, is convicted of manslaughter for the shooting deaths of citizens who tried to flee to the West during the Cold War.

2005 - Rescue workers in Bern complete the evacuation of a half-submerged area of the Swiss capital as the total death toll from flooding in five central European countries rises to 42.



Today is Claudia Schiffer's birthday

2008 - Israel frees nearly 200 jailed Palestinians in a goodwill gesture hours before U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice begins her peace mission to the region.

2009 - After weeks of denials, two Pakistani Taliban commanders acknowledge that the group's top leader, Baitullah Mehsud, is dead — claiming he died 18 days after a U.S. missile strike and disputing reports that the al-Qaida linked movement he left behind was falling apart.

2010 — Bombers and gunmen kill at least 56 Iraqis in more than two dozen attacks across the country, mostly targeting security forces and rekindling memories of the days when insurgents ruled the streets.

Today's Birthdays:
 Ivan IV ("The Terrible"), first czar of Russia (1530-1584); Erich Honecker, East German leader (1912-1994); Leonard Bernstein, U.S. composer-conductor (1918-1990); Sean Connery, British actor (1930-); Frederick Forsyth, British novelist (1938-); Elvis Costello, British singer (1954-); Claudia Schiffer, model (1970-); Tim Burton, U.S. film director (1958-); Danny Smythe, drummer with U.S. rock group The Box Tops (1948-).

Thought For Today:
 Of all forms of caution, caution in love is perhaps the most fatal to true happiness — Bertrand Russell, English mathematician and philosopher (1872-1970). □

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Fawcett's son sent to rehab

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The son of actor Ryan O'Neal and the late Farrah Fawcett has been ordered to spend a year in intense rehabilitation after pleading no contest Wednesday to heroin possession. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Keith Schwartz also sentenced 26-year-old Redmond O'Neal to serve five years on probation. District Attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison says O'Neal could be sent to prison for up to three years if he violates probation.

Redmond O'Neal also pleaded no contest to being a felon in possession of a firearm when he was arrested Aug. 2 after a traffic stop. Ryan O'Neal attended his son's sentencing Wednesday. Attorney Richard Pintal, who represented the younger O'Neal, says



Redmond O'Neal, the son of actor Ryan O'Neal and the late Farrah Fawcett pleaded no contest to heroin possession and being a felon in possession of a firearm and was ordered to spend one-year in a lockdown rehab facility.

(AP Photo)

the sentence recognizes that his client is facing serious addiction and medical issues and that treatment was more appropriate. □

Longtime LA beat poet Scott Wannberg dead

JOHN ROGERS
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scott Wannberg's poems were wildly colorful, sometimes off the wall, frequently in your face and just as often very funny.

In other words, they were like the author.

Wannberg, whose garrulous personality and bearish build cast a huge shadow over the Los Angeles poetry scene for decades, died Friday at his home in Florence, Oregon, his longtime friend and fellow poet, S.A. Griffin, told The Associated Press. He was 58.

The cause of death was not immediately known, but Wannberg had been in declining health and had moved to Oregon two years ago to be closer to family.

Prolific to the end of his life, Wannberg gave hundreds of readings, published 10 volumes of poetry and was often included in anthologies, among them "The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry."

His stream-of-consciousness, beat-influenced style, noted for its colorful, often humorous language, touched on seemingly every subject that came to the author's mind: from the death of a beloved cat to the war in Iraq, politics to movies, the wealthy of Los Angeles' West Side to the destitute of its Skid Row.

"His poetry was Scott," Griffin said Wednesday. "He was a unique, one-of-a-kind human being who, as they say, they broke the mold when they made such a character as him."

As two of the founding members of the experimental poetry group the Carma Bums, Wannberg and Griffin made nearly a dozen tours of North America over 20 years, giving readings in cities from the Southwest to Canada. Their last trip was in 2009.

For most of those journeys, the group piled into a vintage 1959 Cadillac they named Farther, a nod to author Ken Kesey's Merry Prankster bus, Further. □

'Idols,' 'Voices,' others take a crack at post-TV careers

JON CARAMANICA

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UNIONDALE, N.Y. — On Tuesday night at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum here, Scotty McCreery was the main attraction on the "American Idol Live!" tour, and he looked bored. He was the winner of the show's 10th season, which concluded in May, and as the winner he was spared the heavy lifting of the early parts of the concert, which was packed with contemporary pop karaoke from the other 10 finalists on the bill, some coordinated dancing and even more uncoordinated dancing. When McCreery finally emerged about two hours into the night, he chuckled a bit during the opening lines of Josh Turner's "Your Man," the song that he sang ad nauseam during the auditions and that trails him like a lonely puppy.

derstand which of those are the smallest. The annual "Idol" tour is the first

Casey Abrams and his jazz-pop, James Durbin and his quasi-metal, Jacob Lusk



Scotty McCreery performs during American Idol Live Tour 2011 at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., Aug. 23, 2011. The concert included performances by McCreery, the winner of the show's 10th season, and 10 other finalists.

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

real moneymaker for the show's finalists, and for most, also the test run for their post- "Idol" lives. For McCreery, at least, that's already in full swing. He will

and his soft gospel, and so on.

This year's installment also had something many previous tours lacked: a hometown hero. Pia Toscano, from New York, received the loudest reception, backed by supporters in neon-green T-shirts. But while Toscano, touted as a breakout star despite an early elimination and a flat personality, found the soul in Rihanna's "California King Bed" and gave a surprisingly credible take on Alicia Keys' "Empire State of Mind (Part II)," she still lacked spark. And her single "This Time" was rote mid-2000s pop; it felt hopelessly outmoded.

She peaked early in the season and has been regressing, like many of this season's Idols: Take Lusk, the onetime powerhouse who could barely keep a straight face during the show, even during Luther Vandross' "Never Too Much," or Alaina, who apart from a few moments during the Band Perry's "If I Die Young," appeared to have lost her ability to improvise within a song, the skill that made her the most exciting contestant early on.

Some, though, used this tour to cement their new selves. □



Beverly McClellan in "The Voice". The NBC competition that concluded in June, offered a summer tour of its finalists.

(Lewis Jacobs/NBC via The New York Times)

But it was during a duet of "When You Say Nothing at All" with the runner-up Lauren Alaina that McCreery's mind appeared to be elsewhere. Maybe it was — just a half-hour earlier, while his comrades were sweating it out onstage, he was watching Vince Gill videos on YouTube. "Simply incredible," he wrote on Twitter.

Stardom is the sum of many small efforts, and McCreery seems already to un-

release his debut album, "Clear as Day" (Mercury Nashville/19/Interscope), in October. His single, "I Love You This Big," though, is a melodic snooze that takes no advantage of the many shades of his voice.

For everyone else, including Alaina, who will also release her debut album in October, the "Idol" tour is a chance to convert television fans into music fans and, as such, the finalists played up their differences:

A field guide to outerwear



A model presents a design by Joseph Altuzarra during the designer's Ready To Wear Fall 2011 presentation in New York, Feb. 12, 2011. Altuzarra's parka look was so influential on the runways that it is destined to appear at virtually every price point this fall, and in many unexpected forms.

(Valerio Mezzanotti/The New York Times)

ERIC WILSON

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To say that coats are a big fall fashion trend sounds a bit like breaking the news that swimsuits are going to be hot next summer. Well, you might ask, when are they not?

But the fall runway collections made a fairly convincing case for rethinking the role of outerwear in our wardrobes. Designers like Vera Wang, Alexander Wang and Joseph Altuzarra put parkas front and center in their shows, while hybrid styles of bombers, blanket coats, ponchos, peacoats, toggle coats and toppers appeared just about everywhere else. It was as if the fashion world were making a collective stand against those ubiquitous puffer jackets that make most of us look as if we're wearing bubble

wrap.

"You can have on whatever you want underneath, but this year the coat is the statement piece," said Tanya Spivey, -the executive vice president for design and merchandising at Andrew Marc, a division of the apparel conglomerate G-III that makes coats for companies like Calvin Klein, Cole Haan and Kenneth Cole.

That said, there are a lot of coats to sort out.

And since it has been a while since some common outerwear lingo has been put to use, here is a little refresher course.

PEACOAT

The peacoat has been around so long, worn by European and American seamen for hundreds of years, that it is hard to pinpoint where it began. □

Fall Fashion

-CATHY HORYN

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Have you noticed those Ferragamo ads with Daria Werbowy reclining in a houndstooth-check dress with matching heels that look like ice picks? No? She's clutching a matching purse with her red nails, she's wearing sheer black stockings, and frankly – I love Daria Werbowy – she looks like a lady bucking for 30 years to life.

The ads caught my eye because there is absolutely nothing wrong with them, they're flawless; and in fashion, that's virtually a bus ticket back to the boonies. If fashion in the past 10 to 20 years has taught men and women anything, it is that one element of your look should be a little wrong. Otherwise, you have all the warmth and excitement of a piece of cardboard. You're not real. You're not somebody we want to have sex with in Dumbo, Brooklyn. And this has become a much more fraught business in recent times, with all the designers, shows, claimers, marginalia and hardly any agreement each season about what's new and sexy. Our gasping



A leather sleeve knit silk top by 3.1 Phillip Lim. If fashion in the last 10 to 20 years has taught men and women anything, it is that one element of your look should be a little wrong.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

economy hasn't helped. So, ladies – and gentlemen, if you must – I'm going to make it easy on you. Here are the five things you need to have for fall. This list, while finally a subjective catalog of trends and pet peeves, is not without input from my sisters, a group that includes editors, retailers and die-hards. The fact

is almost everyone works off a mental list, which they edit over the summer.

Tracy Doyle, the executive creative director of Box Studios, a leading business in fashion photography and film, has her eye on a Burberry mini-coat in burnt orange wool and a Miu Miu dress, ideally in a bird print. In an email, Doyle, who is tall and slim, said, "I'm always a sucker for dresses, since I find it endlessly challenging to get a proper fit with pants, and I appreciate the ease of putting on one piece and being set." For her, "the 'lady' dresses from Miu Miu are all divine, in their chic throwback to the 1940s."

Shala Monroque, the muse-editor who (with Dasha Zhukova) is about to introduce Garage magazine, has ordered a gray wool pantsuit from Balenciaga – "It will go miles," she said – and a white braided clutch. She also picked out a coat and knee-length dress from the Russian designer Vika Gazinskaya, whose collection combined minimalist architecture and papery lightness.



A choker in brass metal by YSL.

(YSL.com via The New York Times)

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Obama, Tiger, golf and politics



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Despite the carping by critics, I'm glad the president went on vacation because one of the most useful things he could do right now is play golf – a lot of golf – but not that friendly foursome thing with his aides that he usually does. No, real golf: Match play, head to head, with real money on the line. Match-play golf is a great teacher. As any good golfer will tell you, the first rule of match play is this: Never play not to lose. Do not wait and hope for your opponent to make a mistake. Always play the course, always play to win and always assume your opponent will do well – will make that long putt – so you have to do better. For months now, Obama has been playing not to lose, keeping his own plans for a "Grand Bargain" on debt, deficits, taxes, jobs and investment vague, while waiting for the Republicans to say crazier and crazier stuff – like promising the return of \$2-a-gallon gasoline, or insisting that climate change was made up by scientists to get research grants (but politicians taking millions from oil companies can be trusted to tell us the truth on this issue), or that Texas has a right to secede. But while the GOP candidates have been obliging the president with their nuttiness, it has not helped Obama's poll ratings. Many Americans can see that most of these GOP candidates are closer to professional wrestlers than politicians – with their fake body slams and anti-Obama bluster. All they are missing are the Tarzan outfits. This is the silly season. But I would not assume that Republicans won't come up with more serious candidates when it counts, or that some of these candidates won't move to the center. I would definitely assume that they'll do better. That's why the last few months have been so worrying to Obama supporters. Obama surprised everyone by broaching the idea during the debt negotiations of a "Grand Bargain" – roughly \$3 trillion in spending cuts over the next decade and \$1 trillion in tax increases – as a signal to the markets that we're getting our fiscal house in order. It was absolutely the right idea – as long as it is coupled with investments in infrastructure, education and research – but House Speaker John Boehner could not deliver his Tea Party-led GOP caucus. Yet rather than flesh out his Grand Bargain in detail and take it on the road – and let every American everywhere understand and hear every day that he had a plan

but the Republicans wouldn't rise to it – Obama dropped it. Did he ever try to explain the specifics of his Grand Bargain and why it was the only way to go? No. This left his allies wondering whether he was committed to it – and really did have his own party on board for it. And it left his opponents thrilled and setting the agenda themselves. It is why Obama's recent bus tour fell flat. People don't want to cheer just the man anymore. They want to cheer the man and his plan – a real plan, not just generalities and tactics to get him re-elected with 50.0001 percent and no real mandate to do what's needed to fix the country now. Without his own Grand Bargain on the table – imprinted on the mind of every American – Obama has been left playing defense, playing to get the least-bad deal, or playing not to lose. That's what's producing all the "What happened to Obama?" talk and its silly variants. (He's a loser; he's not very bright; he's Jimmy Carter.) It's all nonsense. Obama is smart, decent and tough, with exactly the right instincts about where the country needs to go. He has accomplished a lot more than he's gotten credit for – with an opposition dedicated to making him fail. But lately he is seriously off his game. He's not Jimmy Carter. He's Tiger Woods – a natural who's lost his swing. He has so many different swing thoughts in his head, so many people whispering in his ear about what the polls say and how he needs to position himself to get re-elected, that he has lost all his natural instincts for the game. He needs to get back to basics. It's crazy what's happening in America today: We're having an economic crisis and the politicians are having an election – and there is almost no overlap between the two. The president needs to bring them together. But that can only happen if he stops playing not to lose and goes for broke himself. Our problems are not insoluble. We need a Grand Bargain – where each side gives something on spending, taxes and new investments – and we're on our way out of this. □ Run on that, Mr. President: At best you'll generate enough public pressure (now totally missing) to shame sane Republicans into joining you, and we'll get a deal, and at worst you can run in 2012 on a platform, which, if you win, will actually give you a mandate for the change the country needs. Meanwhile, Mr. President, on a rainy day, rent the movie "Tin Cup." There is a great scene where Dr. Molly Griswold is trying to help Roy "Tin Cup" McAvoy, the golf pro, rediscover his swing – and himself. She finally tells him: "Roy ... don't try to be cool or smooth or whatever; just be honest and take a risk. And you know what, whatever happens, if you act from the heart, you can't make a mistake." □



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Nature without the nanny state



TIMOTHY EGAN

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TEANAWAY VALLEY, Wash. – Checking the Forest Service website before a hike this weekend into the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, I noticed a curious warning: "Aggressive mountain goats have been reported. Use caution and move away." No. Really? But they're so photogenic – snow-white, sinewy, with gravity-defying dexterity – and, until recently, so rarely encountered. The fatal goring of a hiker last year by a rogue goat in Olympic National Park has not only changed the way we anthropomorphize these wild animals, but it's prompted \$10 million in wrongful-death claims by the victim's family, and new warnings about the perils of nature. In Yosemite National Park, where 16 people have died in 2011 – almost three times the average for this time of year – park rangers have taken to telling people not to wear flip-flops while hiking the steep, slick Mist Trail, and not to swim in the killer currents above 317-foot Vernal Fall. Plenty of people have, in fact, defied the obvious and commonsensical – and paid for it with their lives. Three of this summer's Yosemite deaths came when hikers went around a guardrail with a warning sign and waded into water that swiftly carried them over a cliff. So, the conundrum: More than ever, an urban nation plagued by

obesity, sloth and a surfeit of digital entertainment should encourage people to experience the wild – but does that mean nature has to be tame and lawyer-vetted?

My experience, purely anecdotal, is that the more rangers try to bring the nanny state to public lands, the more careless, and dependent, people become. There will always be steep cliffs, deep water, and ornery and unpredictable animals in that messy part of the national habitat not crossed by climate-controlled malls and processed-food emporiums. If people expect a grizzly bear to be benign, or think a glacier is just another variant of a theme park slide, it's not the fault of the government when something goes fatally wrong. This year, Yosemite is experiencing a surge of visitors – 730,000 in July, a record for a single month, they say. The park service is happy to be loved, after years of declining or stagnant use. But a lot of people bring their city swagger to the outdoors; they forget that Yosemite, the greatest waterfall show on earth, is also more than 90 percent wilderness. "Many of these people aren't used to nature," said Kari Cobb, a Yosemite park ranger. "They don't fully understand it. We've got more than 800 trails and 3,000-foot cliffs in this park. You can't put guardrails around the whole thing." Last week, on the popular Mist Trail, which winds along the spray and froth of a thunderous nearby waterfall, Cobb found people hiking barefoot on the wet rock staircase. At Vernal Fall, where the water gathers itself in a stirring pool before plunging more than 300 feet, some hikers still ignore signs saying, essentially, don't jump to your death. Yosemite's most lyrical advocate, the naturalist John Muir, anticipated the urban hordes as

the population moved away from field and farm. At the dawn of the 20th century, he saw the parks as places to escape "the stupefying effects of the vice of over-industry and the deadly apathy of luxury." But Muir also expected people to have some basic understanding of the outdoors. Two years ago, my party of four set out to climb Half Dome – Yosemite's iconic mountain – just two days after someone died there in a fall. We were warned, many times. The danger was part of the allure. The park service has installed cables to guide people up the bald, steep stretch at the end of the climb. But it's a false security. And three weeks ago, a woman who was descending through that very support system slipped during a thunderstorm and fell to her death. As my climbing group waited to descend the granite face, we were jittery and somewhat scared – properly so. The nervousness made for extra caution. With aggressive goats, the issue is a bit more complicated. Bob Boardman, who was gored to death by a 300-pound goat in Olympic park, was an experienced hiker. The goat stalked him. Boardman bled to death while the animal stood over him for 30 minutes, according to the incident report. The goat was later shot. In their legal claims, Boardman's lawyers say the park service knew it had a problem goat in the high country, the subject of many complaints about harassment of hikers, and should have done something about it. Still, goats are wild animals – though introduced to the area in the 1920s – in a mountain ecosystem that answers to its own rules. No matter how many lawyers tread the landscape, it's impossible to safety-proof a national park. □



A model wears the "Network" look from Yves Saint Laurent at the line's Ready to Wear Fall/Winter 2011 show in Paris, March 3, 2011. If fashion in the last 10 to 20 years has taught men and women anything, it is that one element of your look should be a little wrong.

(Valerio Mezzanotti/The New York Times)



A model wears an Alexander Wang sweater during the line's Fall 2011 show in New York, Feb. 12, 2011.

(Erin Baiano/The New York Times)

The five things you need for fall

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Monroque also likes Prada's small red clutch and python boots.

When you boil down Joanna Hillman's list, you realize that the senior market editor at Harper's Bazaar is essentially talking about the season's colors and textures. Hillman loves Jonathan Saunders' vibrant prints, Phillip Lim's deep blue tunic with brown leather sleeves, Saint Laurent's metallic wedges ("A big splurge for me," she said, "but they're both gorgeous and comfortable") and Stella McCartney's cocktail dress with sheer dotted panels, "because everyone needs an update of the little black dress."

From these and other voices, it's not hard to sense the clear, realistic parameters of working-women's lives. "Great clothes to wear to work," said Linda Wells, the editor of Allure, explaining why she likes Derek Lam's silk crepe blouses and "the Faye Dunaway in 'Network' look" of YSL's split-front, checked skirts and full-sleeved blouses. Plainly there's a big desire for feminine clothes that are relaxed rather than prissy. "It's a groomed look," said Candy Pratts Price, editor-at-large at Vogue, citing the Lee Radziwill influence in Celine's blazers and white turtlenecks.

"I've never seen so much fur in my life," said Katy Culmo, an owner of By George, a boutique in Austin, Texas, where customers also want mid-heel shoes and "tricolor everything," like Celine bags. That definitely reflects a broad demand for more tactile fashion, not merely knitted fur (like a Patmos blazer) but also blocky '60s sweater and two-tone pants. So here are my Big Five for fall. And remember: I might be wrong — you might be wrong — but it's all right.

1. A TURTLENECK

The close-fitting version of the prep-and-ski basic, shown in the collections of Jill Sander and Celine, was hotly debated. Wells saw its virtues. "Like Nora Ephron, I feel bad about my

neck," she said, "so it looks good to me." But Amanda Brooks, the fashion director of Barneys, had doubts. "I can look suburban before I know it," she said.

There are lots of great-looking blouses around, in all prices and weights of silk and polyester crepe (perfect example: Marc Jacobs' creamy version), but a turtleneck just looks fresh. It gives a polished line to a

top of the foot offer several advantages. "It's a good look with a dress or pants," noted Price, adding, "I don't want to get something that says it's new or designed to death." And in a more subtle way, the gold-band pumps remind me of the subversive touch of a metal choker, like the one from YSL for day.

4. BURBERRY'S MOD COAT

This was a tough choice, in



A knitted fur jacket by M. Patmos.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

blazer, and it would look adorable layered under sweaters or a dress.

But don't you have to be young and skinny to wear one? "Oh, whatever," said Wells. "It's all a young woman's look." The important thing, she said, is the smooth fit. "You're covered up, but you're also revealing something."

2. THEYSKENS' THEORY CORDS

I'm with Melling Burke on this one: Women who love jeans want something that feels new but stays in the neighborhood. This is a comeback season for pants. Brooks has her eye on a wide-leg style from Chloe, which she might pair with a loose, notched-front Alexander Wang sweater. For me, though, the Theory cords hit several notes: texture, moody color, price (\$295).

3. THE GIVENCHY GOLD-BAND PUMP

Be honest: You don't need another pair of shoes. Platforms, while comfortable, are beginning to look like blocks of marble. Givenchy's black pumps with a thin gold bangle over the

part because of the newness of capes and parkas but also because there was a glut last fall of fabulous full-length coats. In addition to being a sharp look with pants, Burberry's burnt orange mini carries forward spring's bright colors. As Melling Burke pointed out, a lot of women are only now thinking of a bold color as a basic, mixing teals and purple with camel — something that J. Crew is pushing with sweaters and wool pencil skirts.

5. A MIU MIU DRESS

Priced at around \$1,900 for the long-sleeved gray wool dress, with \$900 for the cummerbund hip wrap, this Miu Miu outfit is not an austerity measure. But its austere 1940s chic is what captivated me and why I choose the more graphic beaded sample for the Big Five, largely to make a point. The knee length and the easy fit look fresh, and, no, the padded shoulders are not too much. The hip wrap, while seemingly overdesigned, actually makes the dress, or a similar cut you might already own. □